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Financial Worries Threaten Future Of Library Store

At the most recent meeting of the Princeton Public Library (PPL) Board of Trustees, Library Friends President Pam Wakefield reported that the Library Store, which offers items for readers and writers, including pens, desk accessories, note cards, card games, and jewelry, is losing money, and cannot continue in its present form. The store is currently run by the Friends and is staffed by volunteers.

Library Director Leslie Burger said that three possibilities for the store are currently under discussion. One solution might be a collaboration with the Arts Council, which is not allowed to have a gift shop on its premises. Another would be to lease the store to an outside bidder. A third option would be opening up the space to additional shelves tor the Friends' book sale.

It was announced that journalist Evan Thomas will be the featured speaker at the Friends' annual benefit on October 24. He will be introduced by Anne-Marie Slaughter, Dean of the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and the Bert G. Kerstetter '66 University Professor of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University. Speaking just ten days before the Presidential election, he will talk about covering the race. The event will be catered by "Feast Your Eyes" of Philadelphia.

Human resources specialist Bonnie Piper reported on responses to an "in depth" survey, including over 100 questions about leave policies, benefits, and retirement plans, that was sent to the Borough, Township, and Princeton Regional School district administrations, as well as about a dozen comparable libraries in the tri-state region. About 93 percent of the recipients responded, said Ms. Piper.

According to the survey, the library is "in line with our peer institutions, and with the Princeton schools, Borough, and Township," said Ms. Burger. "There are a couple of areas that we need to take a closer look at," she noted, but did not go into details. Although there had been no intention to share the survey results with library employees, board member Robert Ginsberg suggested that this would be a good idea. Ms. Piper agreed, saying that "people at the library think their benefits are good, so this will just reinforce that."

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JUGGLING CLUBS: Students of the class of 2011 and members of the Princeton University Juggling Club Jakub Rajniak (left) and Bilesh Ladva practice their technique next to the Woodrow Wilson fountain outside Robertson Hall.

Borough Council Passes 2008 Budget

Borough Council passed the municipal budget last Tuesday amid heated discussion. The 2008 budget is $25,264,214, which is an increase of over a million dollars from spending in 2007. The budget features a 5-cent tax increase, meaning that residents will now pay $1.03 on every $100 of assessed property value, as opposed to last year's rate of $0.98.

The budget passed with a 4-1 vote. Council members David Goldfarb, Margaret Karcher, Barbara Trelsted, and Kevin Wilkes voted in favor of the budget, with Council member Roger Martindell voting against it. Andrew Koontz was not present.

Borough Council voiced concerns regarding increases in taxes and spending, with Mr. Goldfarb lamenting that "more than half of the increase in spending deals with things over which we have no decision-making role." He was referring to the increase in pensions and the expenses of the Stony Brook Regional Sewerage Authority.

It's not going to get any cheaper, either, according to Assistant Borough Administrator Sandra Webb, who predicted that next year's budget would involve an increase in spending of 4.8 percent, and also a 6.2 cent tax increase.

The University came under censure by numerous members of Borough Council, including Mr. Goldfarb, Ms. Karcher, and Mr. Martindell. "We are relying heavily on surplus to meet the budget this year," Ms. Karcher noted, adding "I don't know how the University can sit quietly by without coming to us."

Kristin Appleget, the Director of Community and Regional Affairs at the University, responded by saying that the University "is the largest taxpayer in the Borough," adding that it "supplies over $1 million" in additional contributions.

Acknowledging that "we appreciate those contributions," Mayor Mildred Trotman asserted that "the total of all contributions you make to Princeton Borough is not sufficient."

Members of the public were invited to comment. Dudley Sipprelle of Nassau Street expressed disappointment, saying that the Borough has not "exercised rigor" or "considered the economic conditions of today" in assembling the budget.

Borough resident Helmut Schwab remarked that the gradual tax increase over a period of years is "squeezing out the older generation and not permitting the younger generation to live here."

Pointing out that the reduction in state assistance to the Borough totals $159,000 this year, Ms. Trotman mentioned that the

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Board Approves On-Site Workshops; Tables Vote on Dues to State Group

At its Wednesday evening meeting, the Princeton Regional Board of Education approved the appointment of Tri-State Consortium, Inc. to provide staff workshops on "using student performance data to develop a rigorous framework for systemic planning, assessment, accreditation, and continuous improvement." The New Canaan, Connecticut-based firm will receive up to $12,000 for the workshops.

"We are very excited about our Tri-State participation," said Superintendent Judy Wilson. This is the second year that the Princeton school district has been a member of the consortium, but this will be the first time that workshops are to be held on-site. Ms. Wilson described the training as "top quality," and other members of the group as "high performing districts."

The Tri-State Consortium's website observes that "As critical friends, we advance teaching and learning and share

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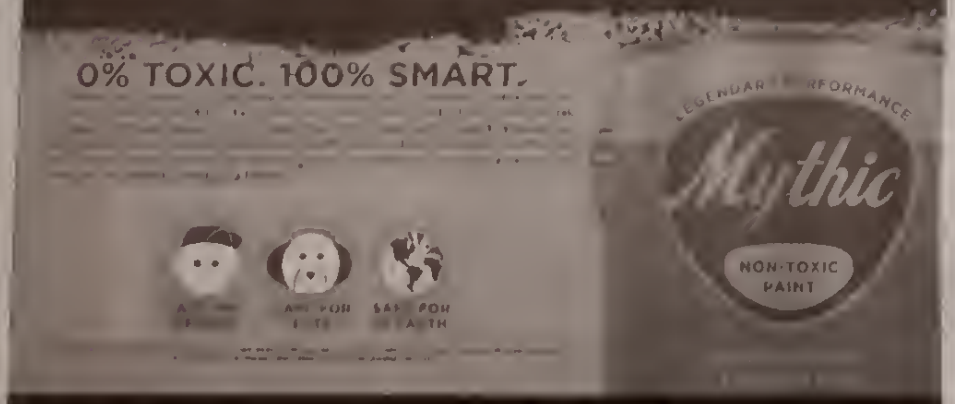

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Input Sought for Inventory Of Environmental Resources

The second draft of the Princeton Environmental Resource inventory is now available for public perusal and comment. Hard copies are located at the Township and Borough Clerks' Offices, and on the second floor of the Princeton Public Library. The draft is also available on the Princeton Township website at www.princetontwp.org/environmain.html.

Comments and suggestions are welcome, and can be sent to the Princeton Environmental Commission (PEC) at (609) 921-1359 or acriscit@princeton-township.nj.us. Deadline for comments is the end of August.

This summer, the Friends of Princeton Open Space (FOPOS) is leading an effort to compile biological inventories of Princeton parks and preserves, which will be published as part of the Environmental Resource Inventory. They will represent a snapshot of what species are being sustained by local habitat.

Plant inventories are being conducted every Sunday this summer at 2 p.m., by FOPOS naturalist and PEC member Steve Hiltner, with help from FOPOS summer intern Sarah Chambliss. The public is invited to participate.

Initial inventories have already been done for Woodfield Reservation, Autumn Hill Reservation, Princeton Battlefield, Tusculum, and the Institute Woods. Upcoming inventory walks include Herrontown Woods on August 3, and the D&R Canal State Park on August 10. Details can be found at www.princetonnaturenotes.blogspot.com.

Anyone aware of previous inventories of plants or wildlife is encouraged to contact the FOPOS office at (609) 921-2772, or info@fopos.org.

Caterer Plans Expansion Into the Princeton Area

MaxHansenCaterer, a Bucks County catering company, recently announced plans to expand its service area into the Princeton region.

According to owner/chef Max Hansen, who is a graduate of and former instructor at the New England Culinary Institute, "The expansion into an area regarded as the center of business and culture in the Garden State is a natural progression for our company. We look forward to building new relationships with local businesses and individuals, and becoming part of this vibrant community."

Partner Stephen Pieretti and Director of Client Services for the Princeton Region Krayi Funch are also participating in the expansion.

Over the past 15 years, Mr. Hansen and his staff have catered events from 60 to 5,000 guests.

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8 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 8 births the week of July 22, 2008.

Sons were born to Swanee and Alex Porte, Pennington, July 22; Ge Zhang and Nian Liu, Princeton, July 22; Richa and Rohit Zalani, West Windsor, July 25; and Susan and David Uitti, Princeton, July 27.

Daughters were born to Shilpa Shanbhag and Kevin Cyrus, Lawrenceville, July 22; Rhonda and Javier Rivera, Lawrence Township, July 22; Mitra Borhani and Dara Malihi, Princeton, July 24; and Janine and Bryan Manolakos, West Windsor, July 25.

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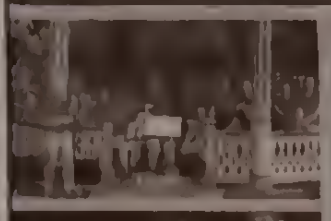
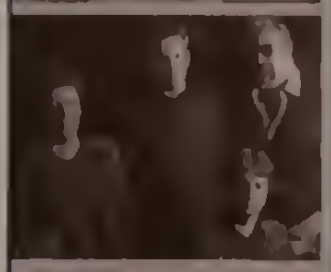

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There will be a special meeting of the **Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment** at 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 31, at Borough Hall. The subject is the proposed Greenview Avenue development that would allow the demolition of six existing residential units and the construction of a new 14-unit multi-family condominuum.

The **Township Tax Office** has issued the the following reminder: "Taxes are due on February 1; May 1; August 1; and November 1. Quarterly taxes are now due. Taxes are due on the 1st, with a ten day grace period. Payment must reach our office by the August 10. Any payments after the 10th will accrue interest back to the due date of the 1st."

The Property Tax Reimbursement, also known as the **Senior Freeze,** deadline has been extended from its original due date of June 2 to August 15. To qualify for this program you must be 65 or older and meet income requirements or you must be disabled and receiving social security benefits as of December 31, 2007. This program reimburses senior citizens and disabled persons for property tax increases from the original year filed, with a rebate check of the difference from the Division of Taxation. For more information, contact the N.J. Division of Taxation at (800) 882-6597.

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CAN'T REFUSE: Valeria Olivares (left) of Johnson Park Elementary and Jessica Deely of Princeton Charter School create bags made out of duct tape during the Trashion workshop at the Public Library.

(Photo by O Ishane Perera)

From Garbage to Garb for All Ages: Trashion Workshop Held at Library

"We're redefining what a library can be" said Amanda Braun, a 2008 Princeton High School (PHS) graduate and employee of the Princeton Public Library, adding, "There's nothing else like it." She was referring to the innovative programs geared toward young people that have included a wizard rock concert, a student film and video festival, and now the "Recycle, Retro-fit, Reuse" trashion workshop.

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"Trashion" refers to clothing or other items that have been made from recycled or reused materials. instead of being thrown away, fabric scraps, hardware odds and ends, plastics, or cardboard can be reinvented into usable or wearable objects. Virtually any material can be transformed into something new.

The children, teens, and adults present at last Thursday afternoon's event worked on various projects. Some made jewelry out of washers, key rings, and wire. Others used easy-to-tear duct tape in bright colors to make messenger bags and purses. With the assistance of a sewing machine and some fabric from old curtains and clothing, tote bags and aprons were created.

Jessie Webb, who has taught Spanish at PHS and Special Education at John Witherspoon Middle School, said she had come to the workshop to gain inspiration from others. Ms. Webb's quest is one of functionality. "What's important to me is to make something useful," she noted. Regarding the event, she said she "really hopes the library does this again" and perhaps also puts some well-designed, well-wrought trashion objects on display.

Teen librarian Susan Conlon said that the workshop was inspired by the popular reality television series Project Runway, during which contestants sometimes use non-traditional or recycled materials to create original couture. The ethos of trashion is that of realizing one's aesthetic vision combined with environmental awareness. Objects are diverted from the waste stream to be recycled into something new. it compels the re-creators to ask questions about what they dispose of and what they consume.

Ms. Conlon noted that environmental awareness has been a key area of focus at the library. To save paper at the workshop, instructions for how to make particular items had not been printed out. instead, attendees could look for instructions online at websites like www.instructables.com, and project the plans onto a screen in the library's community room.

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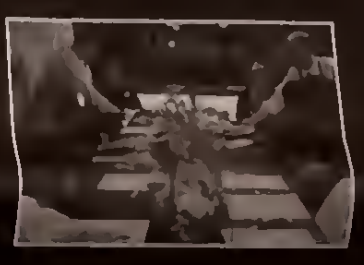

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"That is so cool! Did you really make that just now?" was a typical reaction as participants delighted in each other's finished work.

—Dilshanie Perera

Eno Terra to Host Dinner To Benefit Fernbrook Farms

Eno Terra, part of the Terra Momo Restaurant Group, will host the third annual "Farm to Table" dinner at Fernbrook Farms on Thursday, August 14 at 5:30 p.m.

The event includes a cocktail reception and five course meal featuring ingredients from Fernbrook Farms Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) program and other local farms.

Fernbrook Farms encourages community participation in local agriculture through their CSA Program, which is now in its second year. With over 160 shares available this season, members receive freshly-picked organic produce each week. Utilizing a system called "Mix and Match," members may choose their favorite foods. The most abundant produce this spring included spinach, lettuce, kale, asian greens, carrots, cabbage, zucchini, and strawberries.

Tickets are $125 per person, with all proceeds going to Fernbrook Farms Education Center, the non-profit component of the farm that educates children and adults about agriculture, food and the environment through hands-on experiences and summer camps.

Fernbrook Farms is located at 142 Bordentown-Georgetown Road in Chesterfield, NJ. To make a reservation for the benefit dinner call Mediterra at (609) 252-9860.

HAUTE COUTURE: Mother and son duo Gus Binnie and Zoe Brookes model some recycled creations during the Trashion workshop at the Public Library. Mr. Binnie's suit of armor is made out of reused plastic from gallon containers. Ms. Brookes is working on a wig made from plastic netting and Easter grass. (Photo by Dilshanie Perera)

Design Studio Receives ASID Award for Excellence

Deborah Leamann, principle of Deborah Leamann Interiors, was recently named the bronze award winner for residential show house by The American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) N.J. Chapter.

Ms. Leamann, whose studio is at 250 South Main Street in Pennington, said that she is "profoundly honored to have been selected for this award among all of the participants." Her ASID submission was "The Garden Room," a design she created for the 2006 Junior League of Greater Princeton's Designer Show house, "Fifty Hodge." The criteria for the award was described as "transforming a space of a mere 196 square feet that was non-functioning and giving it an identity with style."

Ms. Leamann's work has been featured in New York Spaces, Better Homes and Gardens, Window and Wall Ideas, Princeton Living Magazine, Design NJ, and the "At Home" section of the Trenton Times. A participant in seven Junior League of Greater Princeton Designer Show houses, she is an atumna of The New York School of Interior Design. Her 2002 Living Room at the Hilfield House won an award from the Ashley Group, and appeared in the book *Interior Showcase.*

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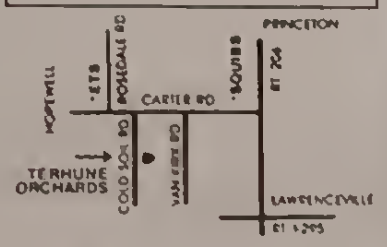

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A Passion for Genealogy Inspires Princeton Librarian's Seminars on the Past

"My grandmother was the family historian, so I grew up listening to family history. I'm so sorry that she's not around to know what I've found out," observed Princeton Public Library's Special Collections Librarian Terri Nelson recently. What she's "found out" is pretty awesome: her family's roots can be traced back to the Starbucks (the family, not the coffee shop) on Nantucket Island.

More locally, Ms. Nelson's passion for genealogy finds an outlet in her work at the Princeton Public Library, where she teaches classes to budding genealogists as well as meeting with them on a one-to-one basis. She also oversees the New Jersey Room, staffs the reference desk, and has prepared a wealth of online resources on Princeton history and African American history (including a site devoted solely to Paul Robeson), all available through the Library's website at www.princeton.lib.nj.us/princeton/index.html.

Ms. Nelson, who has worked at the Library for almost 20 years ("the longest I've ever been anywhere"), says that she "adores" teaching. She described her students as "anyone and everyone," including, at one point, two Mayflower descendants. She led the first of two "Genealogy 101" classes last Sunday afternoon in the Library's second floor technology center. The class is advertised as being "for people just beginning to research their families," who will "learn how to collect family information informally, organize what you know and identify the gaps in your information." The second class will be held this coming Sunday at 3 p.m., and is open to anyone, including those who did not attend the first session.

Although her subject is history, Ms. Nelson is thoroughly steeped in modern technology. Her hands move quickly around a computer keyboard as she brings up an astonishing array of sources, many of them primary documents that were not available to most people in the pre-internet era.

Genealogy classes and discussions led by Ms. Nelson, who previously worked in academic libraries in California, Ohio, and Manhattan, are not limited to the library. She has participated in programs at the Princeton Historical Society, and she recently gave a talk on "tracing your family history" in conjunction with a viewing of the PBS video *African American Lives 2* at the Suzanne Patterson Center.

Princeton's African American history is particularly dear to Ms. Nelson's heart. In a recent conversation she talked about "how well-connected and savvy our nineteenth-century African American community was." Describing it as a "segregated community in a small village," she noted the examples of Betsey Stockton, a slave freed by the College president, who became the first female missionary of color to Hawaii in 1832, and Cecelia Van Tyne, who went to Setra Kroo, Africa as a missionary in 1841. "Both women came home to educate Princeton's African American children," observed Ms. Nelson. "Between 70 and 80 black men fought in the Civil War, and 22 black sailors in the Union navy were born in Princeton," she noted, adding that "the community's regard for God and humanity and its awareness of the issues of the day in regard to race, rights, education, suffrage, etc. seem to me the two most important characteristics of our nineteenth-century African American population."

While the Indiana-born Ms. Nelson has cast a wide net in identifying census records, birth and death certificates, marriage and divorce records, church records, newspapers, military records, and a wealth of ephemera to aid genealogical researchers, she points out that "since many of my family lines go back to the 1600s, I've simplified my work by not crossing the Atlantic. My skills are in U.S. genealogy. When I help people with families outside the U.S., we have to learn together. I'm a working example of how libraries foster lifelong learning."

Princeton Ancestors

On a related note, Princeton 1783 Committee member Herb Hobler would like to track down current residents who are related to early residents of Princeton. Mr. Hobler asks people to contact him "if you are, or know someone who had ancestors living in Princeton in 1783, whether a student, temporary resident, or slave." Mr. Hobler's phone number is (609) 921-3800.

— Ellen Gilbert

DISTINGUISHED ANCESTRY: Local residents (from left): Richard Stockton Weeder, Martl Stockton, and Robert Stockton are descendants of Princeton native Richard Stockton (1730-1781), a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Herb Hobler of the Princeton 1783 Committee is looking for other people who can trace their lineage back to Revolutionery-era Princeton.

(Photo by Herb Hobler)

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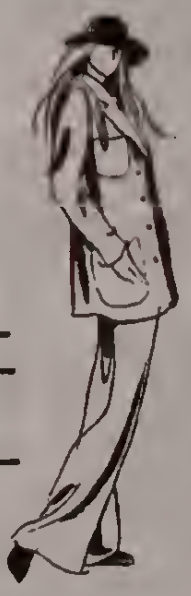

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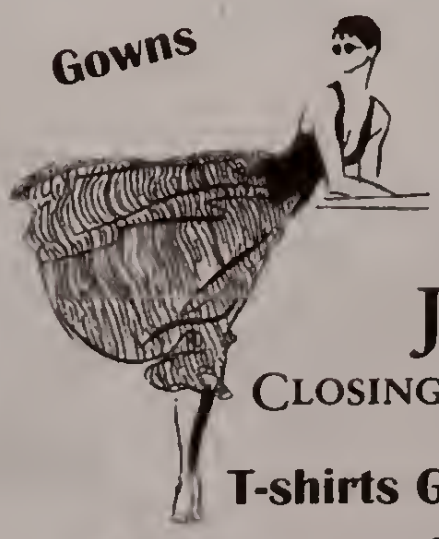

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HiTOPS to Participate In Ride Against AIDS

Members of the HiTOPS staff and board will participate in the three-day, 250-mile, New Jersey Ride Against AIDS (NJRAA) from Friday September 26 to Sunday September 28. The route of the ride goes throughout New Jersey, from High Point State Park to Cape May.

Each year the NJRAA raises thousands of dollars for charities in New Jersey devoted to AIDS education, prevention, and support. The entire ride is organized by volunteers, and 100 percent of the proceeds are given to AIDS-related charities.

"For six years, the New Jersey Ride Against AIDS has been raising money for AIDS-related charities throughout New Jersey," said HiTOPS Executive Director and NJRAA rider Lori Heninger. "HiTOPS is fortunate in that we have been a beneficiary of the ride for four years. Their donation directly supports our HIV testing and counseling services, as well as our support programs for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and questioning youth. I am proud to have been a crew member last year, and a rider this year."

Those interested in donating, volunteering, or participating in the ride should contact HiTOPS at (609) 683-5155, or visit www.njrideagainstaids.org for more information.

HiTOPS is a non-profit organization located in Mercer County. For over 20 years it has been providing adolescents with the knowledge, risk reduction strategies, and resources they need to make responsible decisions concerning their health and well-being.

Hair Cuttery Provides Cuts for Needy Children

For every child brought to a Hair Cuttery salon for a haircut from August 1 through 15, Hair Cuttery will donate a free haircut to a disadvantaged child in the community. Hair Cuttery founder and CEO Dennis Ratner believes that "a new haircut on the first day of school can be a big confidence boost to a child."

Hair Cuttery has donated more than 380,000 haircuts since the program's inception in 1999. "We are extremely proud of the Share A Haircut program," said Mr. Ratner. "It allows children to help other children in the community, and teaches them that a simple deed can make a big difference to someone less fortunate."

Hair Cuttery also recently participated in "Hairdressers Unlocking Hope," a national charitable campaign that raised money for Habitat for Humanity's efforts to rebuild homes destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. In addition, they support "Locks of Love," a non-profit organization providing hairpieces for children who have lost their hair through illness or genetic conditions.

A Hair Cuttery salon in the Princeton area is located at the Shops at Windsor Green in West Windsor: (609) 452-9710. To find a Hair Cuttery salon near you, visit www.haircuttery.com.

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Question of the Week:

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— Sue and Bert Seisman, Princeton

"I love pretty much everything about town, especially Hines Plaza. It is wonderful there. I hang out there a lot with friends. Walking around town with ice cream is great — the campus is beautiful."
— Julia Pfaar, Princeton

"Our favorite place to walk is definitely the campus, where the tigers are, and Palmer Square."
— Sarah Walters, with Lucas, Princeton

"I love to walk around the gardens (at the faculty club on campus) and the fountain (Woodrow Wilson School)."
— Natalie Brown, Stockton

"I love to walk around the university — it's my favorite place. I love the energy there, the beauty there, the buildings, the trees. I feel the spirits of Einstein and all the famous physicists and intellectuals who were there. I love to walk around Carnegie Lake and the tow path and to see the rowers, and also Palmer Square."
— Eleanor Cruser, California, born and raised in Princeton

Princeton Resident Named to Gov. Richardson's Task Force

Princeton resident Robert Stack, the president and CEO of Community Options, a non-profit organization that provides housing, support services, advocacy assistance, and locates employment for people with disabilities, has recently been named to New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson's Poverty Reduction Task Force.

The task force is doing analysis, making recommendations, and developing methodologies by which to alleviate poverty in New Mexico. Mr. Stack characterized the condition of poverty as one of "optimistic bankruptcy" where individuals and families are disempowered to the point of despondency.

One way to undo this hopelessness is by reestablishing connections, according to Mr. Stack, who remarked, "The whole thing is about connectivity and looking for a vision of what you can become. Everyone — with disabilities, without disabilities — wants to belong."

Mr. Stack is an advocate for over 1,400 people nationwide with severe disabilities who face discrimination, marginalization, and poverty. People who are poor and persons with disabilities have been conceptualized in a similar manner throughout history, according to Mr. Stack, who said that "if you were sick in the early 1900s, you were either punished or ostracized. Then medicine began to treat the symptoms, and we did the same thing with poverty." He added that the 21st century approach to combating poverty and treating patients has become more holistic.

Mr. Stack noted that Mr. Richardson views poverty as a condition that is changeable given the right resources and an open dialogue, adding that the governor's point of view is that "it's okay to have a vision about what you can achieve and what you can do.

"That's one of the reasons that I'm involved with this task force," he remarked.

Being a part of the task force involves meetings with various groups and individuals from New Mexico including the unemployed, persons who are poor, heads of local community centers, leaders from Native American communities, educators, housing specialists, ministers, and economists. Various topics like housing, education, transportation, and access to food are also analyzed. The report is due on September 1.

Community Options, the non-profit organization that Mr. Stack founded with others in 1989, has its national headquarters in Princeton. It has since grown to include branches in nine states including New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania and Texas.

As an organization whose mission is "to develop housing and employment for people with disabilities," Community Options uses a community-oriented model specific to the various places in which it works, since "the kind of supports that a family might need in Dallas are very different from those that a family might need in Bucks County, Pennsylvania," noted Mr. Stack. "We always hire people who are indigenous to the area since they know the politics, they know the people with disabilities, and they create a nexus, a community, and hook up with folks who are already there to figure out what their needs are."

Reflecting on his own "humble beginnings," Mr. Stack said "my father was a milkman, who probably made about $6,000 per year, and my mom was a stay-at-home mom, and she had five kids. One thing I told Governor Richardson was that my mother never let us commit the sin of cynicism, and said that no matter how poor we were, we could do whatever we wanted."

This worldview has contributed to the programming at Community Options and its ethos of empowerment. One of the organization's recent projects involves working with students with disabilities from area high schools in partnership with Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Hamilton. The students have the opportunity to try out various jobs including "inventory, custodial, accounting, and human resources" to see what they like best prior to graduation. Community Options implemented a similar program in Nashville at the Vanderbilt Hospital, where it proved to be effective. "In Vanderbilt, we found that 90 percent of students who tried those jobs, kept the job after we were able to place them," reported Mr. Stack.

In addition, the organization opens its own places of employment where its clients work. Currently, Community Options is endeavoring to open a used bookstore and tea shop on Nassau Street, pending approval.

Expressing frustration with those who see poverty or disability as the fault of individuals, Mr. Stack said, "The most glib, base, obscene statement that I hear is, 'Well, just go get a job.'" He added that "a lot more than that," including history and structural inequities, contributes to conditions of poverty.

Mr. Stack also acknowledged the role of employment in contributing to empowerment. "People with disabilities take pride in what they do and the same is true of people in poverty," remarked Mr. Stack, adding that "if you feel that what you do has meaning, and you feel good about it, then that's all that really matters, isn't it?"

– Dilshanie Perera

EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS: Robert Stack, president and CEO of Community Options, a locally-based, nationwide organization working with people with severe disabilities to find housing and employment, was chosen by New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson to be part of a poverty reduction task force.

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Board Approves

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best practices among member districts through the application of the Tri-State assessment model." Ms. Wilson noted that Tri-State training will supersede the Middle States accreditation process the district has followed in the past. Board President Alan Hegedus echoed Ms. Wilson's enthusiasm in having "gotten to this point" of achieving membership in the consortium.

It was unusual for the Board to meet in July, and the brief public portion of the evening, which took place at the Valley Road School, was largely devoted to blanket approvals of bids for copier paper and the like. Several members took the opportunity to comment on the remarkably smooth handling of the transition from outdoors to indoors when rain interrupted the high school graduation. Ms. Wilson also commented on the recent death of Community Park custodian supervisor William ("Bud") Hussey, who died on June 28. Describing his death as "a huge loss," Mr. Wilson said that a "Mr. Bud Day" was held each year at CP, where he worked for 19 years. "He knew every child's name," she said. "The word 'community' doesn't just apply to the name of the school in this instance."

Vote Tabled

In the absence of Rebecca Cox, the member who represents the board at the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA), a vote to approve payment of $28,000 in annual dues to the association was tabled until the board's August meeting. Some preliminary discussion indicated that this will be a contentious issue, with board member Josh Leinsdorf saying that the dues should not be paid since the association "is not representing us." He noted that the group's delegate assemblies are poorly attended, and that they have not, to the best of his knowledge, ever supported a local school board resolution.

Ms. Wilson expressed her belief that "to not be a member is to not have a voice." While agreeing that NJSBA has "not been doing a good job," Mr. Hegedus said that as "a leadership school district" that has tended to "isolate itself in recent years," Princeton has "an obligation" to participate in such groups. The NJSBA mission statement describes itself as "a federation of district boards of education, [that] advocates, trains and provides resources for the advancement of public education in New Jersey."

The next board meeting will be on Tuesday, August 26.

—Ellen Gilbert

Library Hosts Talk On Local Environment

D&R Greenway Land Trust Director of Stewardship Jim Amon will explore the dynamics of the natural landscape in a talk entitled "Seeds of Change" at the Princeton Public Library on Monday, August 4, at 7 p.m.

Most of the central New Jersey landscape has been identified as "highly disturbed," with the invasion of a few alien species of plants crowding out the native plants and reducing biodiversity and the ability of the landscape to serve as a habitat for the wildlife that evolves with it over hundreds of thousands of years. Mr. Amon will offer advice on how to take actions that will enrich and restore the good health of the natural landscape

Prior to working with D&R Greenway Land Trust, Mr. Amon was the executive director of the D&R Canal Commission for 30 years. He currently serves on the boards and advisory committees of more than a dozen conservation-related organizations. He has published numerous articles about the need to preserve the natural world, and has been recognized with several awards for his conservation efforts.

Founded in 1989, D&R Greenway Land Trust is central New Jersey's non-profit land preservation organization. Their mission is to preserve and protect a permanent network of natural lands and open spaces, creating the conditions for a healthy and diverse environment to flourish.

Engagements

Engagement

Katharine Powell and Benjamin Roman

Powell-Roman. Katharine Powell, daughter of Robert and Sharon Powell of Skillman, to Dr. Benjamin Roman, son of Robert Roman of Costa Rica and Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum of Swathmore, Pennsylvania.

The bride-to-be is an actor who made her Broadway debut this past year in Aaron Sorkin's *The Farnsworth Invention*. She earned her MFA from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts and is a graduate of Brown University and Princeton Day School. Her father is Managing Director of Nassau Capital Advisors, a real estate brokerage and development firm with offices in Princeton. Her mother is a psychologist and founding president of the Princeton Center for Leadership Training, a Princeton based nonprofit educational organization.

The prospective bridegroom is completing his residency in otolaryngology at New York University. He earned his medical degree with honors from the Mount Sinai School of Medicine and graduated magna cum laude from Princeton University. His father is the founding president of an organic food import business. His mother is Rabbi to the String of Pearls congregation in Princeton and recently married Dr. Louis Friedler of Swarthmore.

The wedding is planned for August 2 at the Central Park Boathouse in New york. Rabbi Donna Kirshbaum, mother of the bridegroom will officiate at the ceremony.

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Princeton Township

Seth Michael Reichman, 20, of Princeton was arrested July 25 at 9:53 a.m. after it was discovered that he was growing marijuana plants on private property on Prospect Ave. He was later released.

The Princeton Township Police Department has reported the following warrant arrests:

Michael Zieve of Princeton, on July 18 at 4 p.m. appeared before Princeton Township PD to satisfy a warrant from Princeton Borough Municipal Court in the amount of $130.

Peter Goldstein, 50, of Kingston, on July 23 at 12:12 p.m. for an active warrant from Plainsboro Municipal Court subsequent to a motor vehicle stop on Independence Drive. He was later released.

Maria Ocasio, 40, of Trenton, on July 24 at 10:36 a.m. for a suspended license and active traffic warrant from Hamilton Township Municipal Court, subsequent to a motor vehicle stop on Alexander Rd. She was later released.

Princeton Borough

Leon Sipaque, 33, of Princeton was arrested July 21 at 11:38 p.m. for attempting to steal peaches from a bin in front of Nassau Seafood and for disorderly conduct. He was later released.

Justin Stark, 35, of San Diego, NJ, was arrested for DWI July 24 at 1:48 a.m. subsequent to a motor vehicle stop on Washington Rd. He was later released.

Princeton Borough Police Department has reported the following warrant arrests:

Tanya Garrett, 38, of Levittown, on July 18 at 8:42 a.m. for outstanding warrants from Florence and South Brunswick Municipal Courts in the total amount of $2,250. She was later released.

Hector Mata, 30, of Princeton, was arrested on July 22 at 4:49 p.m. for being a NCIC Wanted Person for violation of probation out of Middlesex County Prosecutors Office, subsequent to a pedestrian stop on Witherspoon St.

Jeanette Beebe, 20, of Clive, IA, was arrested July 21 at 11:38 p.m. for an outstanding warrant from Princeton Borough Municipal Court in the amount of $100, subsequent to a motor vehicle stop on Nassau St. She was later released.

Angele Palmer, 50, of Hillsborough was charged with careless driving on July 28. Ms. Palmer lost control of her vehicle and struck a utility pole which snapped in half. The driver, who suffered facial lacerations and her two children, ages 17 & 18 were transported to Helene Fuld Medical Center. Route 206 was closed between Ewing St. & Cherry Hill Rd. for 3 hours. As a result of the accident there were power failures in the area.

The Princeton Township Police Department has reported the following warrant arrest:

Jerry Massaquoi, 35, of Hamilton was arrested July 28 at 11:39 p.m. after a motor vehicle stop on Route 206. He was found to have an outstanding warrant from Trenton, NJ. He was later released.

Rescue

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 45 calls for service last week.

On Sunday, July 20, the Squad responded for an elderly woman complaining of a severe headache. The patient reported the pain directly behind one eye, with subsequent loss of vision. Her condition deteriorated, with increased lethargy, slurred speech, one-sided weakness, and a decreased level of consciousness. The crew administered oxygen and rushed her to University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) for treatment.

Later that morning, the Squad responded for a pedestrian struck by an automobile. The patient suffered abrasions, back pain, and a chipped tooth. The crew secured the patient to a spinal immobilization device before initiating transport to UMCP.

On Monday, July 21, the Squad responded for an elderly man who suddenly experienced an altered mental status and inability to speak while exercising. The patient also had unequal grips and a facial droop, indications of a possible stroke. The crew administered oxygen and transported him to UMCP for additional treatment.

On Friday, July 25, the Squad responded for a T-Bone motor vehicle collision that left one patient trapped in the wreckage. The Squad's technical rescue team cut off the side of the car in order to gain access to the victim, who was disoriented, dizzy and complaining of neck pain. The patient was extricated, secured to a spinal immobilization device and transported to UMCP. In total, four occupants of the vehicle were treated and transported to the hospital.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a non-profit organization. For more information on donating time, money or professional services, visit www.pfars.org or call (609) 924-3338.

SAVING "LITTLE ALICE": Now that CPR training is required of members of the Princeton Fire Department, Lt. William Mooney of Engine 63 and Hook and Ladder's James Simon minister to "Little Alice" in a course given by the First Aid and Rescue Squad. (Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

JAWS OF LIFE: The Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad are busy at the scene of a motor vehicle accident on the corner of Franklin and Jefferson. Rescue volunteers Jeff Golomb, Rescue Chief Bob Allen, and Mark Freda are using the "jaws of life" to extricate a victim while Deputy Fire Chief Truestar Urian looks on. (Photo by E.J. Greenblat)

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"unfunded mandates" of the state are also "passed along to municipalities," which means that the state government has increased requirements while reducing aid. Mr. Goldfarb added that the state has "many ways to raise money," citing sales tax and income tax, whereas the Borough must rely solely on property tax.

With respect to the future, Ms. Trelsted said that she is "absolutely convinced that there are ways to make the budget more efficient." Mr. Martindell advocated increased coordination with the Township, and "addressing expense and revenue issues immediately, aggressively, and repetitively."

—Dilshanie Perera

CFPA's Hiroshima/Nagasaki Event Set For August 5

Ambassador Thomas Graham will be the keynote speaker at the Princeton-based Coalition for Peace Action's (CFPA) annual commemoration of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki on Tuesday, August 5, at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton.

"The purpose of this event is not to look back with 20-20 hindsight to question whether the atomic bombings in 1945 were justified," said CFPA Executive Director Rev. Robert Moore. "What's done is done. Rather, our reason for having this commemoration is to remember the utter devastation that nuclear weapons represent, and re-commit ourselves to working for the global abolition of nuclear weapons so such horror can never again be inflicted on anyone."

Ambassador Graham has helped negotiate numerous nuclear disarmament treaties, and led the successful U.S. efforts to achieve a permanent extension of the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty in 1995. He also played a major role in the successful completion of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in 1996.

Other scheduled speakers that evening include Joan Wile, founder and director of Grandmothers Against the War; Janet Haag, managing director of Fellowship in Prayer, a Princeton-based interfaith group which was begun as a prayerful response to the atomic bombings; and Ward Wilson, an independent scholar who recently won the McElvany Nonproliferation Challenge Essay Contest with his essay entitled "The Myth of Nuclear Deterrence."

"Recently, there have been very hopeful developments with the majority of former U.S. Secretaries of State and other high officials coming out in support of the goal of global abolition on a bipartisan basis in the Wall Street Journal and other publications," observed Mr. Moore. "But the Bush administration continues to seek funding for new U.S. nuclear weapons and is rattling the saber against Iran, so citizen action in support of global nuclear weapons abolition is more urgent than ever."

A bring-your-own picnic will begin at 6 p.m. (no alcoholic beverages permitted), followed by the program at 7 p.m. A moment of silence will be observed at 7:15 p.m., the exact time that the bomb dropped on Hiroshima (8:15 a.m. on August 6).

Both the picnic and the program will take place, weather-permitting, at the rear of the Administration Building of the Institute for Advanced Study, located on Einstein Drive just off Olden Lane near the intersection of Mercer Street (Princeton Pike) and Lovers Lane. Signs will be posted to direct people to the site. Those attending are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets. In the event of rain, the picnic will be cancelled and the program will be held starting at 7 p.m. in the West Auditorium of the main building at the Institute.

Participants are encouraged to bring the entire family. Music for the evening will be provided by SiriOm Singh and Anahat, a Trenton-based interracial, interfaith ensemble. Children's activities will include folding origami cranes, the Japanese symbol of peace.

The program will conclude around 8:30 p.m., when candles will be floated on the Institute Pond to commemorate the estimated 200,000 civilians who died immediately and in the aftermath of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

For further information, contact the Coalition at (609) 924-5022 or visit their web site, www.peacecoalition.org.

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1 tblsp grated lemon zest (from 2 lemons)

In bowl, whisk oil, cheese, lemon juice and pepper. Set aside. Cook spaghetti until tender in boiling water. Drain. Add spaghetti to lemon sauce, toss with basil & lemon zest. Moisten with olive oil & serve as needed.

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New Director Named At Plasma Physics Lab

Stewart Prager, director of the Madison Symmetric Torus experiment at the University of Wisconsin and a leader in the field of fusion energy research, has been named director of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory (PPPL), effective this fall.

Mr. Prager, who is also the Dexter Professor of Physics at Wisconsin, will become the sixth director of the laboratory, which is funded by the DOE and managed by Princeton University. His appointment as a professor of astrophysical sciences is expected to be acted on in the fall.

"We believe that there is no better person than Stewart Prager to lead the Plasma Physics Laboratory as it moves into the next phase in its distinguished history," said Princeton President Shirley M. Tilghman. "The need for safe, abundant, and environmentally benign sources of energy has never been greater, and we are confident that under his leadership PPPL will continue to make exceptional contributions to the field of fusion energy."

Provost Christopher Eisgruber added, "Stewart Prager is not only a superb scientist, but also a proven leader of the nation's fusion research community. All of us at Princeton are absolutely delighted that Mr. Prager has agreed to take the helm at the laboratory."

Mr. Prager joined the Wisconsin faculty in 1977 after conducting research for two years with the Fusion Energy Group at the General Atomic Co. (now known as General Atomics) in San Diego. He is a pioneer in the field of plasma physics and is known for experiments that have contributed to both fundamental knowledge and the design of future reactors. His experimental work has been part of the quest to develop fusion energy, the energy that is released when atomic particles fuse together to form heavier particles, and he has been an active participant in efforts to harness the energy potential of nuclear fusion by working with charged gases known as plasmas.

On the Wisconsin "Levitated Octupole" experiment, Mr. Prager worked with a graduate student, Michael Zarnstorff, now a principal research physicist at PPPL, detecting for the first time the so-called bootstrap current, named because the electrical current is generated by the plasma itself. Mr. Prager and Mr. Zarnstorff will receive the American Physical Society's Dawson Prize for Excellence in Plasma Physics this November.

Mr. Prager has led research on another experimental device, the DOE-funded Madison Symmetric Torus (MST), directing a group that was the first in the world to completely characterize the chaotic flow of the charged gases swirling within. Shaped like a donut, the MST holds plasma heated to 10 million degrees. But instead of using a strong magnetic field to hold the plasma, Mr. Prager and his team explored whether weaker — and therefore more economical — magnetic fields could accomplish the same task. The work has led to new insights about the properties of plasma.

Mr. Prager also has led the Center for Magnetic Self-Organization in Laboratory and Astrophysical Plasmas. Funded by the National Science Foundation, the "physics frontier center" involves Wisconsin, Princeton, and five other institutions.

Through his role on many prominent national panels and advisory committees, Mr. Prager has provided service to the plasma physics community, serving as chair of DOE's Fusion Energy Sciences Advisory Committee, chair of the Division of Plasma Physics of the American Physical Society, president of the University Fusion Association, and a member of the fusion review panel of President Clinton's Committee of Advisers on Science and Technology.

Mr. Prager holds bachelor's degrees from Queens College of the City University of New York and from Columbia University. He earned his Ph.D. in plasma physics from Columbia.

This appointment, which concludes an international search, comes at a time of transition for PPPL. At the direction of DOE, the lab is in the process of phasing out construction of the National Compact Stellarator Experiment (NCSX), and enhancing its flagship program, the National Spherical Torus Experiment (NSTX). This approach is intended to ensure the lab's future as a world-leading center of fusion energy and plasma sciences.

PPPL is one of 10 national science laboratories funded by DOE's Office of Science. As the department completes a series of competitive bidding processes for the management and operations contracts for all of these labs, Princeton is currently competing for a new contract to continue managing the lab. The University has managed the lab since its inception in 1951.

"In Stewart Prager we have recruited the very best person to lead PPPL. Not only does he bring superb scientific credentials, but also proven experience in management, and an outstanding record on the national fusion scene," said A.J. Stewart Smith, Princeton's dean for research, to whom Prager will report. "I simply could not be more enthusiastic."

Mr. Prager will succeed Robert Goldston, who has been director of PPPL since July 1997. Mr. Goldston, who also is a professor of astrophysical sciences, announced last December that he would step down as director in order to focus on a broad range of domestic and international fusion energy initiatives when a successor was in place.

STATE SCHOLARS: College students and recent high school graduates, all of whom are residents of Princeton Community Village (PCV), received scholarships for further studies from the New Jersey Housing Management Authority (JAHMA). A ceremony to honor them took place at the PCV Clubhouse on Monday. Here, Sara Just, an organizer of the event and trustee of Princeton Community Housing (PCH) commends the scholarship winners, and thanks the parents, friends, educators, and staff of PCH in attendance. Bruce Johnson, the executive director of JAHMA who was also present, noted that out of 39 scholarships awarded throughout the state, 16 were given to residents of PCV, which has a tradition of producing "good students with strong co-curricular backgrounds." The scholarships range from $500 to $3,000 and students will attend institutions of higher education including, Brandeis University, Hampton University, Mercer County Community College, Rider University, and Wesley College, among others. (Photo by Dilshanie Perera)

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Einstein's Attey, a private, non-profit economic development initiative for central New Jersey, recently announced the addition of four new members to its Board of Trustees. They include **Karen A. Jezierny**, Princeton University's Director of Public Affairs, who is responsible for the development and implementation of Princeton's state government relations; **Dougtas W. Schoenberger**, vice president, Public Affairs for Verizon New Jersey, whose his responsibilities include developing and advocating Verizon's positions to New Jersey's state government on technology and broadband policy issues; **Marguerite L. Mount**, managing director of The Mercadien Group and a principal in Mercadien, Certified Public Accountants; and **Richard C. Woodbridge**, a patent attorney at Synnestvedt and Lechner, and a long time supporter of New Jersey's high tech actlvities. Einstein's Alley's goal is to attract, build and retain technology-based businesses in the central New Jersey region. Its efforts include municipal signs designating the high tech corridor at key locations; the Einstein's Alley Vet Career Connect job program for returning veterans; and ongoing discussions with higher education institutions and collaborations with area groups such as PlanSmartNJ.

ENVIRONMENTAL EXPERIENCE: Stuart senior Abigail Borah recently joined a group ot 48 high school students trom throughout the state tor a two week-long intensive study ot the environment at New Jersey's Governor's School on the Environment. Students in the program, which was held at The Richard Stockton College ot New Jersey in Pomona, learned about their own potential impact on the social, economic, political, and natural environment, and also considered the larger goal ot working to meet the environmental challenges in New Jersey and across the nation. The two-week residential program included intensive daily courses on such topics as pollution and public health, Pinelands ecology and policy, alternate energy sources, and biodiversity.

BUILDING 'BOTS: Middle and upper school students at The Lewis School's Summer Study Program are making robots and machines using K'NEX, a plastic rod and connector building system. Math and science instructor Judith Prybyla described the robotics enrichment course as "completely multisensory, offering students the opportunity to take part in active, constructive learning. The building and design process helps students develop spatial orientation relationships, graphomotor skills, aod analytical thinking strategies, and at the same time introduces the students to Newtooiao Physics concepts and basic eogineering principles." Here Upper School student Chris Graziano displays his five-toot "Serpent's Spiral" coaster.

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COOLING OFF: Martin House Learning Center Camp field trips are held each Friday and include such destinations as Funtime America, Wharton State Park, and Neshaminy Splash Park (above), where campers recently enjoyed a day of pool fun.

ACKNOWLEDGING GOOD WORK: The Stony Brook Garden Club recently awarded its second annual Elly and Giorgio Petronio-Stony Brook Garden Club Environmental Award to Hun School graduate Campbell Stevenson. A co-founder of Hun's Environmental Awareness Club, Campbell will be attending Colby College in Maine, where he is planning to major in Environmental Science. Congratulating Campbell on his $1,000 award are (from left): Hun School Head James Byer, and Tracey Gates, Stony Brook Garden Club Scholarship Chair.

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"In an age of so many people getting hurt in real estate, it shows that you can still do well in real estate." — Donald Trump

Actual data about the real estate market is of utmost importance when choosing where to live, and the best time to make the move. When buying or selling real estate, it is local market conditions... the county, the town, the neighborhood, the street within the neighborhood, the location and position of the home on the street, the style and character of the home, as well as, and as much as... what is happening within that specific area... which all determine the direction of prices. Not the media, nor what is happening in highly speculative markets.

Let's take a look at what is happening, specifically, within this small enclave, or what I call a "micro" market, within our local market.

Recently "SOLD" homes, by local real estate companies:

211 Hun Road	Closed 6/27/2008	Sale Price: $2,222,000
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113 Hun Road	Closed 5/1/2008	Sale Price: $1,082,500 (lot*)
307 Edgerstoune Road	Closed 6/30/2008	Sale Price: $ 925,200

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113 Hun Road	Last advertised asking price: $3,250,000
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208 Winant Road	Last advertised asking price: $1,750,000
219 Edgerstoune Road	Last advertised asking price: $ 850,000

Properties currently "FOR SALE", by local real estate companies:

124 Edgerstoune Road	Asking Price: $3,750,000
106 Winant Road	Asking Price: $1,029,000
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Reference librarian Catherine Harper, who has worked at PPL for 17 years, described "Q and A NJ.org," which offers free online interactive search assistance 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Sponsored by the New Jersey State Library with Federal Library Services and Technology Act funds, the service is provided by member libraries in the New Jersey Library Network. "Q and A NJ.org" advertises itself as answering questions about anything, from "job hunting, health info, and landlord/tenant relations," to "business, term paper topics, and song lyrics."

Recent "green" efforts at the library, according to Ms. Burger, include the use of "kill-a-watt" meters to gauge — and respond to — undue use of energy of in the library; these meters are also available for patrons' use. The installation of light sensors in specific locations and the addition of solar panels are under consideration, she reported. The answer to the apparently often-asked question of why the library's lights are on at night, she said, is that cleaners are there from 9 p.m. to midnight. She emphasized the fact that "the building is dark when they are finished."

—Ellen Gilbert

Dog Flu is on the Rise; Caretakers Warned

Dog flu is emerging right now in several neighboring counties, and area veterinarians, animal control officers, animal facility managers, and local boards of health have been alerted to be on the lookout for dogs with symptoms.

Canine influenza is a virus that causes serious respiratory disease or complications that are sometimes mistaken as "kennel cough" symptoms. The virus is similar to that of equine influenza, and is presumed to have mutated itself over time to spread to canines.

Symptoms of canine flu typically appear about two to five days after exposure and include persistent cough, nasal discharge, and low grade fever. Clinical signs of a more progressive case include high fever, respiratory difficulty, and pneumonia. There is a low risk of mortality.

Canine influenza is caused by the H3N8 type A influenza microorganism. It cannot be transmitted to humans. Some dogs that are exposed to the virus, can come down with the progressive type of flu, while most that do get sick experience a mild version.

A qualified veterinarian who can offer an examination, testing, diagnosis, and treatment should be consulted immediately upon the onset of symptoms. Blood and nasal discharge will be collected and sent to laboratory facilities for results. Pet owners should be prepared to give an accurate history of their pet's health and housing arrangements, and to report the number of dogs in the household.

The virus is contagious among canines and primarily transmitted via air through respiratory discharges or secretions, contact with other infected dogs, or exposure to contaminated surfaces or objects. Canines suspected of being exposed to the virus may not necessarily present symptoms, so quarantine measures should be in place immediately and treatment given. A 10 to 14 day period is recommended after the last exposure, to monitor for symptoms and signs of the virus. Dogs that are young, old, or those with lower immunity have an increased chance of complications and may have to be more carefully monitored.

There is no vaccine to prevent or treat canine influenza. The only options available are to administer broad spectrum antibiotics and to treat the symptoms of the viral infection through cough and fever suppressants, rest, fluid, and food intake. Intravenous liquids and respiratory support may be used if the infection is severe.

Dog owners are encouraged to use kennel and grooming facilities that are routinely inspected, and that follow proper hygienic practices. Dogs showing signs of infection should be isolated to an area away from other canines, especially within a household. Anti-viral cleaners and disinfectants containing ten percent bleach should be used on all contaminated objects and surfaces, including bedding, toys, and bowls.

To learn more about canine influenza, see www.aahanet.org/resources/wpcanine_flu_factsheet.aspx; https://www.biosecuritycenter.org/article/canineFlu; www.cvm.umn.edu/newsandevents/facts/CanineInfluenza.html; and www.nj.gov/agriculture/divisions/ah/diseases/canineflu.html.

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A Special Thank You to Everyone Involved In Beautifying Barbara Boggs Sigmund Park

To the Editor

A big Thank You to all who have helped make the Barbara Boggs Sigmund Park and Garden successful this year. Thanks to my hardworking volunteers who weed, plant, and spread compost every Mother's Day and will help me put the gardens to bed later this fall. Thanks to my fellow Master Gardeners who have donated plants, time, and support. Thanks to the contributors who help make it possible to purchase supplies. Thanks to the Princeton Borough Public Works Crew for maintaining the lawn and recently weeding the playground play areas and spreading new playground mulch. Thanks to Madden's Nursery lor donating colorful annuals to brighten the fenceline garden. And thanks to the Princeton Parks Alliance for installing water outlets to make maintenance easier as well as lor donating funds to install the new memorial tree in the park.

We're lucky to have so many helplul and generous people eager to beautify Princeton.

POLLY BURLINGHAM
Scott Lane

Vienna, Laycock, and Beethoven Create Perfect Tribute to Bill and Judy Scheide

To the Editor:

As part of the enthusiastic, overflow crowd that attended the July 24 concert by the Vienna Chamber Orchestra in Princeton University's Richardson Auditorium, i would like to thank Bill and Judy Scheide for making this remarkable event possible.

In the evening's concert, the orchestra exhibited lively sonorities, a sensual warmth, and a prolound understanding of the works of Ludwig Van Beethoven, whose compositions dominated the evening.

Under the energetic direction of Princeton's favorite conductor, Mark Laycock, who was for 20 years the Music Director of the Princeton Symphony Orchestra, the orchestra was complemented by the piano virtuosity ol David Meier, who displayed technique and finesse in his rendition of the Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 4 in G Major, Opus S8.

Bill and Judy Scheide understand the Princeton community's love of music, and through their kindness and generosity provided a memorable musical treat for us all. Even as a resident of Vienna for a number of years I rarely heard a rendition of the signature *Blue Danube Waltz* encore played with more richness and feeling. What a perfect tribute to the Scheides!

LINDA SIPPRELLE
Nassau Street

Police Action Only a Stopgap Solution To Princeton's Truck Traffic Problem

To the Editor:

Congratulations to our local police forces for their heightened efforts to discourage abusive truck traffic on Route 206 and Princeton streets (Town Topics, July 9). While the police effort is laudatory and welcome, it is at best a temporary palliative. in any event, this is not a police problem, but one which has been visited upon Princeton by the N.J. Department of Transportation. The NJDOT is responsible to the governor and state legislature and that's where the ultimate solution resides. The NJDOT is not going to change its position on turning Princeton into a mini-version of the Los Angeles lreeway system until it leels some heat from the governor and the Legislature. These two entities can be counted on to do nothing until they feel heat generated in turn by olficials at the local level, that is, our county and municipal politicians.

Eflorts put forward thus far by our local officials concerning truck traffic that threatens lile and limb and destroys our streets has been muted and pro forma. In this one-party state, one would have expected that our local officials should have been able to convince their party leaders to reverse the NJDOT position on truck traflic through Princeton. That a change in course has not occurred can only mean that our local officials either lack clout in their own political party, are reluctant to make waves, or are just plain inellective — or perhaps all three ol the foregoing.

DUDLEY SIPPRELLE
Nassau Street

Another Princeton Park Flourishing Thanks to Community Cooperation

To the Editor:

As described in last week's article (Town Topics July 23), the renovation of the Borough's Potts Park was an excellent example of how the Borough and Township were able to collaborate, and leverage funding from the county. One additional element in the success of the renovation was the close communication between local government staff and the neighbors who live nearby and use the park. Neighbors provided input on which play structures to include, colors, and location. With the help of Borough Council member Barbara Trelstad, neighbors intervened to reroute a planned paved pathway so that it wouldn't cut through the shaded picnic area or bisect the field. The combined knowledge and caring of staff and neighbors made it unnecessary to bring in outside consultants, saving considerable expense and resulting in a final product that's gotten a very positive response from park users.

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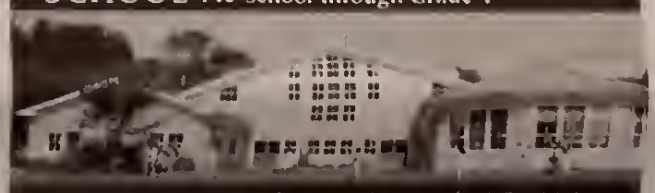

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Children & Violence

By the Rev. Peter K. Stimpson

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QUESTION: *The issue of violence in our schools and society scares me. Do you have any suggestions as to how we can decrease violence among our children?*

ANSWER: Tragically, we have become more of a "Me" vs. "We" society, at times both fascinated and repulsed by violent behavior. To face the issue of children & violence is to simultaneously look deep within our own hearts and minds to see what we are teaching our children by our own behavior. Here are but a few ideas in an extremely complex issue:

1. **ANGER:** How do you express anger? Do you yell, swear, pound a table, or throw an object across the room? Or, do you express what is bothering you in a direct, but very calm and sensitive manner?

2. **RESPECT:** Do you respect the differences within our culture? How do you relate to those with a different religion, race, language, or ethnic background? Do you use terms of bigotry & tell racist jokes? Or, do you encourage respect and understanding, seeing diversity as a blessing instead of a curse?

3. **LOVE:** Do you hug and kiss your children, showing them that you truly care? Or, do you hide your tender feelings, teaching them that expressing feelings is a sign of weakness?

4. **DISCIPLINE:** Do you hit your kids? Or, do you calmly talk to them to understand their behavior, explore alternatives, and then set realistic, time-limited punishments? The former is fast, but when the sting of the swat is gone, often so too is the learning. While the latter takes time out of your busy schedule, the lesson lasts longer, promotes learning instead of fear, and teaches a non-violent way to approach peers at school.

5. **MEDIA:** How much violence do you and your kids watch? If there is always a Rambo movie on TV and Doom on the computer, then what are you really teaching them? If they come home and excitedly tell you about the neat movie they saw with bullets flying and heads chopped off, then take the opportunity to discuss when weapons can, and cannot, be used.

6. **GUNS:** Got one? Why? Is it unloaded and locked up? Have you taught your kids about the danger of firearms? Does your child carry a weapon of any kind to school?

7. **HATE GRAFFITI:** What do you do if the synagogue in your community is desecrated with a swastika? Do you figure "it's their problem", or do you call and offer your sorrow and support? Do you talk to your kids about why that is not funny, and how they should stand up and speak out for the rights of all?

So, by looking at yourself, you can gain some insights into the attitudes and behaviors of your children, let alone some beginning ways in which you can change your children by changing yourself.

This Wellness column is funded through the generosity of a grant from the J Seward Johnson, Sr. Charitable Trusts. If you would like Father Stimpson to answer a question of yours on family life, daily living or emotional health, you can write to him at: Trinity Counseling Service, 22 Stockton Street, Princeton, NJ 08540. Trinity Counseling Service provides clinical or pastoral counseling on a sliding fee scale for all who need help and support. Phone Trinity Counseling Service at 609-924-0060 to set an appointment.

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The **Mercer Hill Historic District Association** presented an Award of Excellence to K.P. Weseloh and the Meisel family in recognition of an outstanding community garden. The long sidewalk perennial garden is located in front of the Bonner Foundation at 10 Mercer Street. It was created through the hard work and creativity of K.P. Weseloh and her family with plants donated by them and the Mercer Hill neighborhood. The Mercer Hill Historic District Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving and celebrating Princeton's diverse architectural heritage, street scapes, and neighborhoods. For additional information visit www.mercerhill.org.

The **Central Jersey Dance Society** is offering a Jersey Jumpers Swing Dance on Friday evening, August 15 at the Universalist Congregation of Princeton located at 50 Cherry Hill Road. Donna Reinhart will teach beginners Lindy Hop lessons at 7:30 p.m. and intermediate dancers at 8 p.m. Open dancing to Swing and Lindy Hop music will be from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome and no partner is needed. Admission is $12 and $8 for student identification. For additional information visit www.centraljerseydance.org or jerseyjumpers@centraljerseydance.or or call (609) 945-1883.

The **Toastmasters Club No. 4139** will meet Monday, August 11 and Monday, August 25 at 7 p.m. at the Mercer County Library located at 138 Hickory Corner Road in East Windsor. Toastmasters International is a non-profit group dedicated to effective oral communication. Members meet to deliver and evaluate prepared and impromptu speeches in an effort to overcome their fear of public speaking and to improve as speakers and as leaders. There are 9000 chapters with 200,000 members worldwide. For additional information visit www.toastmasters.org or call (800) 9WE-SPEAK.

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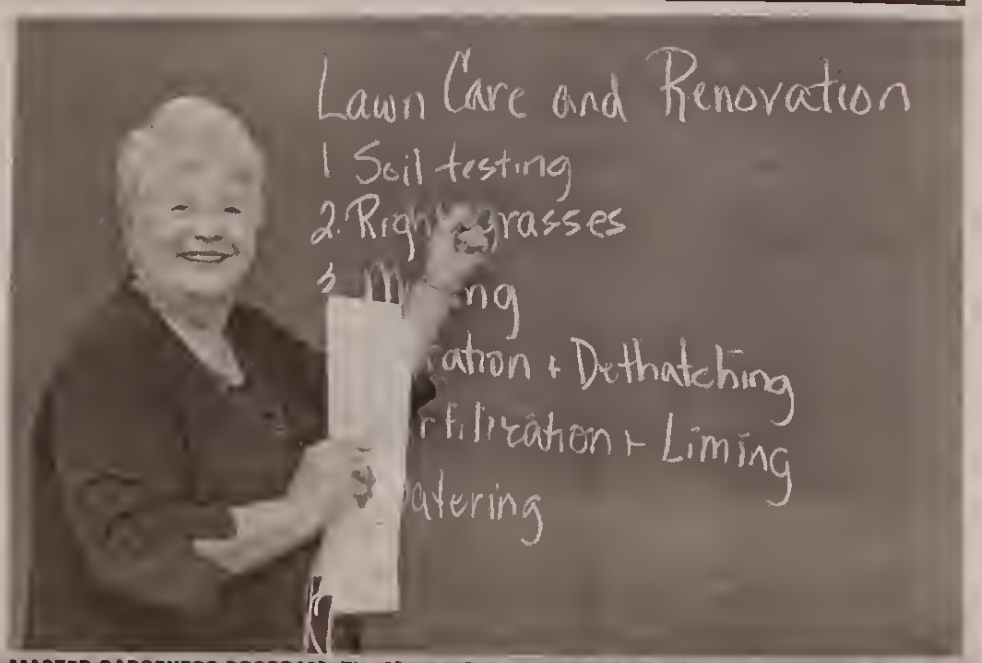

MASTER GARDENERS PROGRAM: The Master Gardeners of Mercer County is hosting a program on fall home lawn maintenance and renovation on Wednesday, August 13, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension, located at 930 Spruce Street in Lawrence, adjacent to the Trenton Farmers Market. Mercer County Horticulturist, Barbara Bromley will share tips on how to prepare lawns for reseeding, repair damaged lawns, select the appropriate seed, and how to apply fertilizer. A $3 donation is requested, for required reservations, call (609) 989-6830.

SUPPORTING SOCIETY FUNDRAISER: Baxter Construction is the presenting sponsor of the Princeton Historical Society's 2008 Princeton Fall Antiques and Fine Arts Show from September 26 to 28 at the Princeton Airport. Over 55 antiques and fine art dealers will feature American and European furniture, paintings, textiles, jewelry, vintage couture clothing and accessories, silver, ceramics, vintage posters, prints, and vintage automobiles. The show is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Historical Society. (From left): Event Chair Janet Giles, Steering Committee Co-Chair Jody Erdman, Jim Baxter of Baxter Construction, and Erin Dougherty HSP Executive Director. For more information call (609) 921-6748 or visit www.princetonhistory.org.

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Books

Library Citizenship Class Proves to be a Success

In its recent report on Citizenship Preparation classes held at the Princeton Public Library last spring, the Latin American Task Force congratulated six participating students on becoming U.S. citizens.

This was the sixth series of classes to be offered by the Task Force in collaboration with the library. Of the twelve students who participated in the spring session, 68 percent were Latinos from Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Mexico, with the remainder from Bulgaria, India, and Russia. Two levels of classes were provided. Literacy students who needed basic English language skills and had very little formal education in their own language were grouped with beginning students who were well educated in their own language but had difficulty with the Civics material in English. A second class was made up of intermediate students who had good English skills, but needed to master the Civics material to gain confidence for their Naturalization fnterview/ Test.

The Library ordered multiple copies of the textbook used by the classes, *Voices of Freedom* by Bill Blass, and several students got library cards in order to use the library and borrow these copies.

Classes met once a week in two reserved rooms provided by the library for nine weeks in April and May. Classes were taught by eight volunteers from the community; the majority were members of the Latin American Task Force. A local immigration attorney visited to answer students' questions--both general and personal--about the process. Students at the last class session enjoyed a brief celebration ceremony and received Certificates of Completion.

The six students (four from the spring session, two from the fall) who became citizens were from Bulgaria, China, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Russia.

In their class evaluations students agreed that the classes had been helpful and that they would recommend them to family and friends. They mentioned enjoying the opportunity to practice English in a supportive group setting, and appreciated having a lawyer specializing in immigration issues come to class. fn their report, the Task Force notes that "questions for the Naturalization Interview will be changing and will require more abstract thinking which present a challenge for the literacy students. The new edition of the textbook will also be needed."

The Task Force and the library are planning to offer these classes again in October and November of 2008, and April and May of 2009, on Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The classes are free for all interested immigrants.

The Latin American Task Force is a network of Princeton area residents and professionals whose goal is to ease the integration of the growing Hispanic population into the larger community. The Task Force co-sponsors, assists and promotes programs on education, youth development, and health with other organizations such as the Library, the YWCA, the Princeton Public Schools, the Princeton Medical Center, Corner House, HiTOPS, the Arts Council and Family & Children's Services.

Breast Cancer Survivor At Classic Book Store

Jeanette Stephens-El, author of *BCV – Rites of Passage for Breast Cancer Victors* (2006) and *10 Tips to Avoid Breost Cancer (Unless It's In the Genes)* (2007) and former publicist for *Miami Vice*'s Philip Michael Thomas, will be the guest speaker at a Tea Party for Breast Cancer Survivor Awareness at Classics Book Store, 117 S. Warren Street, Trenton, on Saturday, August 9, from 2 to 4 p.m.

A member of the United People of the Cherokee Nation and the Seminole Tribe of Florida by virtue of her marriage to the tribe's medicine man, she also authored T-Time: A *Rites of Possoge Manual for the Adolescent Femole* (2005).

Writing under the pen name, Raining Deer, Ms. Stephens-El moved from New Jersey to Miami in 1977 to further her education and ended up working with the Miaml Vice star. She will speak about how-after jet-setting with Mr. Thomas, flying over the French Alps in four-seater planes, and rubbing elbows with the rich and famous--she was not prepared for a diagnosis of breast cancer. Now the five year survivor and Moorestown, N.J., resident, is ready to share her story, and since she feels that the best way to talk about breast cancer is with "humor and a good cup of tea," she has been hosting Tea Parties for Breast Cancer Awareness up and down the east coast, from Philadelphia to Miami with appearances in New York, Atlanta, Fort Lauderdale and parts in between. Recent presentations were for Sandhills Regional Medical Center, Hamlet, N.C. and Cooper Cancer Institute support groups in Camden and Willingboro, and the Southeast Gateway Community Center in Bridgeton, N.J.

Ms. Stephens-El addresses a subject where trends indicate that, while women of European ancestry have a higher incidence of breast cancer, African American and Hispanic women are more in danger of having aggressive forms of the disease. In *10 Tips to Avoid Breost Concer*, she encourages regular self-examinations and annual check-ups as a way of combating the disease, but stresses lifestyle changes that can help everyone lead a more healthy life, thereby possibly avoiding breast cancer altogether. Because no one is exempt, her positive message encourages all people to pay more attention to their bodies, what they put into their bodies, spiritual centering, and having a positive outlook on life. In *BCV* she covers her experience from diagnosis-to treatment-to cure while providing encouraging words from Maya Angelou to Eleanor Roosevelt, information on alternative remedies and a life-affirming ceremony geared to bring friends and family into the cancer patient's healing process. *BCV* and *10 Tips* will be available for purchase at the upcoming tea party.

A recent participant at Trenton Heritage Days Book Fair, as Raining Deer, she was also honored at a Philadelphia Days program along with former Philadelphia Mayor Wilson Goode. PBS and international Public Radio talk show host and best-selling author Tavis Smiley has acknowledged her efforts, telling her: "You are doing important work."

Statistically, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer among women of "all racial and Hispanic origin populations," according to the National Program of Cancer Registries. Upwards of 200,000 women are diagnosed annually in the United States and close to 40,000 don't survive.

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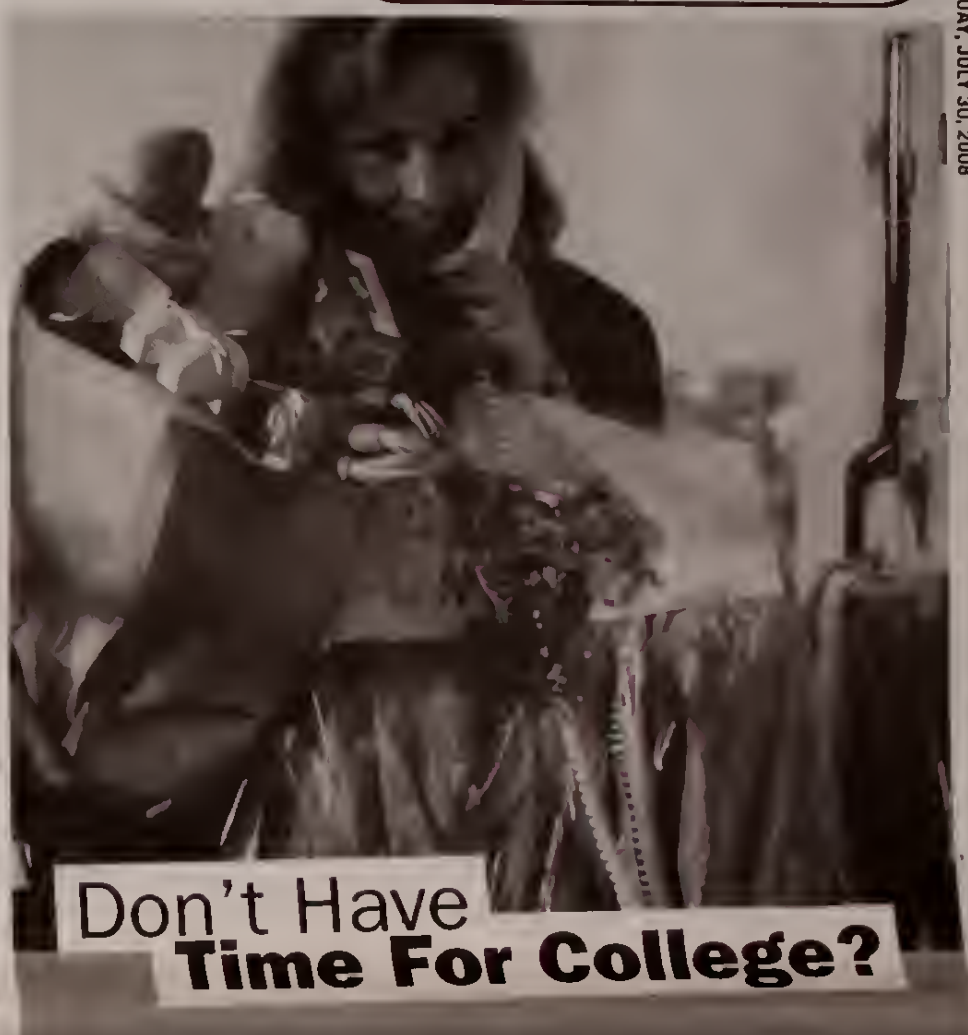

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U.S. Highways 13 and 30 Inspire Two Local Artists

U.S. Route 13, the north-south highway that has run from the northeastern suburbs of Philadelphia to the coastal plains of North Carolina since 1926, and U.S. 30, the venerable east-west route that has linked New Jersey to the far west since the early years of the last century, have provided the inspiration for "Thirteen and Thirty," the latest show by Gail Bracegirdle and Rich Harrington.

Featuring new watercolors and acrylics by the two visual artists, the exhibit will be on view Friday, August 8, through Sunday, August 31, at the Artists' Gallery, 32 Coryell Street, in Lambertville. The opening reception will be Saturday, August 9, from 6 to 9 pm.

For both artists, "Thirteen and Thirty" is evidence of a longtime fascination.

"Route 13 is especially significant to me," said Ms. Bracegirdle. "It passes both my house and my studio. I've driven it north and south many times over the years on the way to visit family and friends. And, it was always nearby when I was growing up in Philadelphia. I find these old routes intriguing in the stories they share with us, the glimpses of past and present. Whether it's an historic canal or a Wal-Mart, it reflects our history and changing life in this part of the USA."

Mr. Harrington's interests also lean toward local remnants of classic Americana. "I'm intrigued by scenes and locales that seem ordinary or obsolete—even eyesores—yet after they're eradicated or remodeled, they're missed," he said. "I find the rural stretches of Route 30 between Gap and Lancaster especially intriguing, with many of the original structures and businesses being replaced by Wa-Wa's and outlet malls. I enjoy recording the charming evidence of the mid-to-late 20th century that still remains before it's gone for good."

"This is a delightful show that manages to be both witty and wistful," said gallery spokesperson Laurie Nicholson. "It should appeal to anyone with an appreciation for regional culture and history, as well as every fan of well-executed watercolors and acrylics."

Ms. Bracegirdle and Mr. Harrington are two of the 18 member artists who regularly exhibit at the Artists' Gallery, which is open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays throughout the year and by appointment. Exhibits change on a monthly basis.

For more information, please visit the Artists' Gallery website at www.lambertvillearts.com or phone 609-397-4588.

"THIRTY WEST": This watercolor by Rich Harrington is among the works of his that will be shown with those of Gail Bracegirdle in an exhibit about two historic American highways, "Thirteen and Thirty," at the Artists' Gallery, 32 Coryell Street, in Lambertville, from Friday, August 8, through Sunday, August 31.

"IN THE BEGINNING": Gail Bracegirdle's watercolor depicts the first sign marking the highway that passes both by her house and her studio. It can be seen with related works in "Thirteen and Thirty," a joint exhibit with Rich Harrington that will run from Friday, August 8, through Sunday, August 31, at the Artists' Gallery, 32 Coryell Street, in Lambertville. The opening reception will be Saturday, August 9, from 6 to 9 pm.

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"HOORAY FOR HOLLYHOCKS": This watercolor by Joanne Augustine is part of the Coryell Gallery's 28th Annual Summer Exhibiton of Delaware River Valley area artists who have been with the gallery over the years. The exhibition will run through September 28, with an artists' reception on Sunday, August 3, from 3 to 6 p.m.

GRAFFITI JAM: A work in progress illustrates what will be happening on August 9 when TerraCycle of Trenton invites graffiti artists from across the nation to decorate its factory walls. The event is open to the public, including local food vendors, musicians, and children from summer programs. Last year's event was the most successful one yet, with over 100 people at the factory at any one time. For photos of last year's event, visit: www.terracycle.net/graffiti.htm.

Coryell Gallery Hosts Annual Summer Show

The Coryell Gallery is currently hosting the 28th Annual Summer Exhibiton of artists of the Delaware River Valley area who have been with the gallery over the years. The exhibition will run through September 28. The public is invited to a reception to meet the artists on Sunday, August 3, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Many artists studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, the Art Students League, Pratt Institute and other institutions, have achieved wide recognition in national and regional juried and invitational exhibitions throughout the United States and abroad, winning top awards for their works.

Artists showing watercolors, oils, pastels, artists prints, sculpture and pottery include Joanne Augustine, Albert L. Bross, Jr., W. Carl Burger, Vincent Ceglia, Marge Chavooshian, Tom Chesar, Josie Dellenbaugh, George Douris, Dorothy Freda, Richard Gerster, Bob Greenblatt, Harriet Ermentrout, Michael Filipiak, Lisa Mahan, Lucy Graves McVicker, Ellen Masko, Pamela Miller, Jeanne Pasley, Charles R. Ross, Robert Sakson, Joanne Scott, Nancy Silvia, Ann Tsubota, Valerie Von Betzen, George Van Hook, and Barbara Watts.

Four artists whose reputations have contributed to the community and the art world, will also be exhibiting: Randolph Bye (1916-2003), whose watercolors of farms, barns, landscapes and railroad stations have gained him the reputation of one of the premier watercolorists; Louis Bosa (1905-1981), who is known for figures that are highly stylized and expressionistic; Anne Steele Marsh (1901-1995), known for her wood engravings, which are done on a hard end-grain of boxwood; and Charles W. Ward (1900-1962), whose talent encompassed portraits, murals and landscapes in watercolor and oil.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street, Lambertville, is in a renovated Sausage Factory and is located alongside the Delaware & Raritan Canal. The gallery is open Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5. For further information call Janet M. Hunt, director at (609) 397-0804.

Childhood Arts Summit In Princeton Next Week

Young Audiences New Jersey will host Creativity to Change the World: An Early Childhood Arts Education Summit next week in Princeton. The summit will bring together some of the state's foremost early childhood arts education experts, school leaders, professional teaching artists, early childhood educators, and 16 Young Audiences affiliates from across the country including Miami, Dallas and Indianapolis. Guest speakers include Steve Runk, executive director of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts; Judy Boyd, research project coordinator, National Institute for Early Childhood Education Research; and a representative from the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation.

The summit officially begins on Wednesday, August 6, with attendees heading to Grounds For Sculpture in Hamilton, where preliminary groundwork will be laid for the three-day conference. An introduction to trends in the early childhood classroom will lead off the day, followed by Family Arts and Creativity breakout sessions. During these sessions, artists and teachers from New Jersey who have previously participated in Family Arts and Creativity workshops will be on site modeling best practices and demonstrating the program. Participants will end the day at the Nassau Inn with dinner and a live performance by Young Audiences, Inc. Artist of the Year, Ssuuna.

On Thursday, August 7, summit attendees will meet at the Princeton Arts Council's new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts for an introduction to Creative Beginnings, followed by breakout sessions focused on the program and how to develop early childhood lessons for the classroom. In the last afternoon, participants will have the opportunity to explore Princeton before reconnecting for a hands-on Family Arts and Creativity experience with children and their families from the greater Princeton area. This Family Arts and Creativity workshop is free of charge and open to children of ages 3-5 plus a participating parent or caregiver. Space is limited. To enroll, call Young Audiences at (609) 243-9000. Directions and additional information will be sent upon registration.

The summit is designed to provide a hands-on exploration of techniques and tools that promote imagination and creativity in young children. Participants are expected to come away with new ideas, excitement, and a network of resources to inform and inspire their work with young children. Young Audiences affiliates around the country and New Jersey's master preschool teachers will share the exemplary programs they are bringing to early childhood environments. Participants will learn how to make ideas a reality in their school, and how to bring the best arts experiences to their students, parents and communities.

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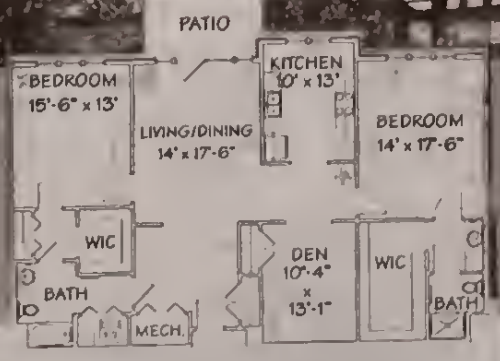

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Area Exhibits

Artists' Gallery at 32 Coryell Street in Lambertville is presenting "Thirteen and Thirty," the latest show by Gail Bracegirdle and Rich Harrington. It will be on view Friday, August 8, through Sunday, August 31, with an opening reception on Saturday, August 9, from 6 to 9 pm.

The Arts Council of Princeton begins life in the new Paul Robeson Center for the Arts with "Return: Home," which features 11 New Jersey-affiliated artists who explore the meaning of "home" from personal, political, and cultural perspectives. The exhibit runs through September 6. For registration information about summer classes, visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

D&R Greenway in the Johnson Education Center at One Preservation Place in Princeton is hosting "Our Historic Landscape," a special exhibition featuring historic photographs of the area alongside contemporary views of the same locations through September in the Marie L. Matthews Gallery. The exhibition is a collaboration with the Historical Society of Princeton and the Princeton Photography Club.

The Erdman Gallery at the Princeton Theological Seminary is presenting the First Annual Visual Arts Exhibit of The Mercer County Teen Arts Festival featuring works from dozens of local middle and high school students. The exhibit, designed and installed by Jennifer Concha, will be on display through September 6. An artists' reception will be held on July 30 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Grounds for Sculpture is presenting the cutting edge metal sculpture of Robert Koch in the Toad Hall Shop & Gallery. The show will run through October 12. Sculptures by Peter Voulkos and Toshiko Takaezu are on displayin the museum building. On view in the Domestic Arts Building are pieces by Peter Callas, Paul Chaleff, Robert T. Cooke, Takeao Okazaki, and Rudolph Serra. Outside visitors will find work by Larry Estridge and Lila Katzen. The Tots on Tour program where 3 to 5 year olds can learn about sculpture through interactive activities takes place the third Saturday of every month through October at 11a.m. Free with park admission, rain or shine. One adult must accompany each child. No reservations are necessary, but space is limited on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register and meet in the Visitors' Center. For more information on Grounds For Sculpture's Special Events, visit www.groundsforsculpture.org.

Historical Society of Princeton, Bainbridge House, 158 Nassau Street, is presenting an exhibition of Princeton in the 1930s that will run through July. Free admission, donations accepted. For more information, call (609) 921-6748 or visit www.princetonhistory.org.

The James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown is presenting "Lilli Gettinger: Memory Transformed" through August 3. Contemporary baskets from the Sara and David Liberman Collection will be displayed in the Fred Beans gallery through November 2.Now open in the Wachovia Gallery is "Dog Dogs," a sampling from an extensive series by American photojournalist Elliott Erwitt; the tentative closing date, August 31, is subject to change due to an expansion project at the Museum. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. "Art and the River" is at the Delia Penna Gallery in James A. Michener Museum in New Hope and will run through October 5. The New Hope branch will permanently close in February 2009.

The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "New Narratives: Contemporary Art From India," an exhibition of 52 paintings, sculptures, photographs, video, and new media works, through July 31. "Art for the Dance: Russian Costume and Stage Designs from the Riabov Collection" and "Russian Dance: Selections from the Donation of Herbert and Ruth Schimmel," will also be on view through July 31. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University in New Brunswick.

The Mason Gross Galleries, 33 Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick. The current exhibit, "In Suspension," which features works by 21 artists in the context of the title theme, will run through September 11, with a closing reception from 5 to 7 p.m. that day.

Morven Museum & Garden is presenting "Picturing Princeton 1783: The Nation's Capital" through January 11, 2009.

The New Jersey State Museum at 205 West State Street in Trenton is celebrating the first phase of its reopening with "Culture in Context: A Tapestry of Expression," featuring pieces from more than two dozen New Jersey artists.

The Plainsboro Public Library is supporting the Library's Cultural Crossroads summer discovery program by exhibiting an International Mail Art show of 142 bookmarks, representing 24 countries, six continents and 79 artists. The exhibit will run through August 31. For details and/or directions call (609) 275-2897, or check the web at www.imxac.org/plainsboro.

Queenstown Gallery, 24 West Broad Street in Hopewell, is presenting "Watercolor Anarchy" through September 6. For more information, call (609) 466-0817.

Small World Coffee at 14 Witherspoon Street is showing art by Hal Studholme through September 2. Miriam LeClair's photography will be on view at Small World's 254 Nassau Street branch from August 6 through September 2, with an opening reception at 6 p.m. on August 8.

The University Medical Center at Princeton (UMCP) will present a watercolor art exhibition by Deborah Paglione. The collection may be viewed from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily through September 17.

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Stew's "Passing Strange": The Need to Feel More Than Real

Possing Stronge, "the Stew Musical," closed ten days ago after 185 performances on Broadway at the Belasco Theatre. Chances are you don't know Stew's music, but if you do, you probably know his story, which is the subject of the show. Born in 1961, Mark Stewart, a middle-class black kid from L.A. who doesn't fit any kind of racial, social, or cultural stereotype (neither the "home boy" nor the good boy), goes to Europe and discovers his voice, his spirit, his everything, while immersing himself in drugs, sex, and rock and roll, only to find "paradise is a bore."

Possing Stronge moved from rave reviews off-Broadway to rave reviews on Broadway, along with both the Drama Desk and Drama Critics Circle awards for Best Musical, and a Tony for Stew for Best Book. The superlatives in Charles Isherwood's New York Times notice describe not only the show but the qualities that make Stew's songs memorable: "Fresh, exuberant, bracingly inventive, bitingly funny, and full of heart."

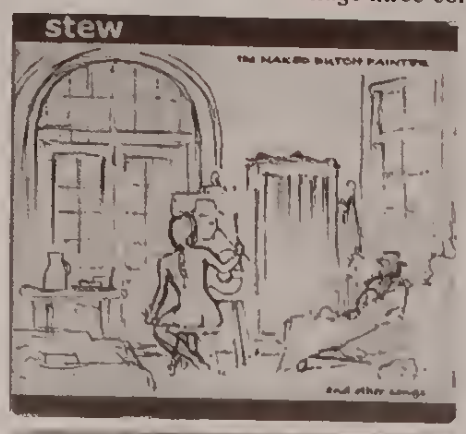
Strange Inspiration

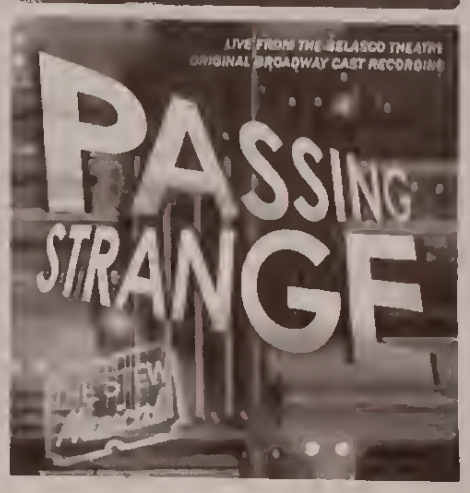
After eight years of Bush and Cheney, you might do a double take when you read Stew's explanation for the genesis of his musical. In a statement on the show's website, he says that *Possing Stronge* was inspired by — would you believe? — George W. Bush: "When *I* found out that he had never been to Europe in his youth (or in his adulthood until he became prez!!!) I immediately knew I wanted to write a play about a kid who wanted to go to Europe." Being someone "whose experience abroad informed and shaped" his "very being and consciousness about everything from sexuality, politics, culture, language, and human nature," Stew was amazed by the idea that "an uber-privileged billionaire's son ... would not have been curious enough to travel to a foreign country." Stew's reading of this "factoid" suggests the seriously playful intuitive craft and craftiness that shape his best lyrics: "*I* decided this incuriosity was at the heart of the war," he concludes. "I realized that we are actually suffering the results of Bush's and his cronies' incuriousness." In other words: "Their dimwitted foreign policy time and again shows that they ... don't even care about trying to understand the world they wish to dominate."

Spike Lee Joins In

Since I didn't have a chance to see *Possing Stronge*, what follows is based solely on the original Broadway cast recording on Ghostlight, which is available on iTunes and amazon and at various record stores. A movie is in the offing thanks to Spike Lee, a passionate admirer who filmed the production as is, with the original cast. Lee promises to give his film a "twist" that will involve "things you've never seen before, things I've never done before."

The problem with writing about Stew's musical is that you can't help comparing it with his three incomparable solo albums, not to mention the ones by his group, the Negro Problem. Three of the musical's most moving numbers ("Arlington Hill," "Must Have Been High," and "Love Like That") come out of his solo work and are sung by him. The problem is compounded by the fact that you're missing all the visual excitement accompanying the music; it's also true that nobody else, no matter how accomplished, can discover the essence of the songs as powerfully as Stew himself. Other singers — for instance, Daniel Breaker, who plays the Youth — may do them sufficient justice but Stew lives and has lived them, and it's his voice and presence as the narrator that holds everything together in *Possing Stronge*.





"Amsterdam" is a joyous, rollicking ensemble number that puts Stew's stoned-out European revelation beautifully into play, even though it may sound a bit gaudy and glossy next to the version of a related story offered by the more intimate, funny-sad title song from The *Noked Dutch Pointer*. "Keys," the song that follows "Amsterdam," is where the show opens its heart much as all Europe seems to open to a new life for the Youth, who's awed by being trusted with the keys to a stranger's flat ("the sweetest dump in which he'd sat") after life back home (where "those L.A. ladies "locked the door if he'd just sneeze").

The Broadway sound creeps in again in the song featured on the musical's website, "We Just Had Sex," which is cute and sprightly but comes off like a mainstream show tune when sung by the the Youth and two girls. Let Stew sing lines like "What's a little bedroom traffic?/Evening News is pornographic" and the musical comedy veneer vanishes. Enough quibbling. The truth is, the more I hear of *Possing Stronge*, the more exciting it sounds.

So Who's Stew?

Back in August 2002 when *I* called the box office at the Bowery Ballroom for tickets to see Arthur Lee and Love, I asked about the act opening for him. "Who's this Stew anyway?" I was referred to a piece in the previous Sunday's New York Times. How could I have missed it? There was a huge three-column close-up picture of the performer in question, half his face in the shadows, giving him the look of a bald, stocky black guy with attitude. My first time through the paper I'd hurried past a headline that should have stopped me in my tracks ("Wry, Tunefui Stories, All in 4-Minute Songs"). In the era of Rap, since when did bald, stocky black guys with attitude write "wry, tunefnl stories"? The article also claimed that Stew's solo album, *The Naked Dutch Painter*, was "perhaps the finest collection of songs an American songwriter has come up with this year" and compared him to Cole Porter, Randy Newman, Ray Davies, and Warren Zevon. Not a bad club to belong to.

Heidi

That night at the Bowery Ballroom when Stew came to the stirring chorus of "North Bronx French Marie" ("Look what the New York summer's done"), the music soared into a realm of melody that had only been hinted at before, bliss arriving in the form of a female voice that sent a chill up my spine. I'd noticed that a woman was playing bass. Now she was singing back-up. The way her voice flowed over his, with that reference to the New York summer night we were living in, made the moment "more than real." The singer was Heidi Rodewald, who also sings and plays in *Passing Strange*, as well as sharing composing credits and life with Stew. She casts the same spell the way she comes in during the show's lovely closing number, "Love Like That," whose message is "the need to feel" because "love is more than real" and "love like that can't be measured any way."

Searching

I hope Spike Lee's film will send people to record stores (or online sources) searching for Stew's music, especially *The Noked Dutch Pointer* (Entertainment Weekly's Album of the Year in 2002) and *Guest Host* (EW's Album of the Year in 2000). It's all but impossible to communicate in words the special qualities of stories-in-song like "Rehab" and "Bijou" on *Guest Host*, and even better, on *Noked Dutch Painter*, "Single Woman Sitting" (in a flat "reeking of good taste"); or "Giselle," the girl "with the switchblade mind" ("Giselle is the cross and the nails and the crown and the thieves/she howls at the streetlights and dances whenever she pleases"); or the Heidi-haunted title track where the singer is expected to sleep chastely in the same bed with the naked Dutch painter ("She says Gandhi used to sleep between two naked women/but you're not the Mahatma/that's a whole other religion").

Then there's the sinister creation called "The Cold Parade," which is like a Raymond Carver story out of Raymond Chandler in a dream of Dostoevsky narrated by a man who fears he's losing his soul. At first you think you're hearing a tale told by a stalker of women out of some film noir with a creepy score; but then the stalker becomes as vulnerable as his victim ("She sees me and assumes I'm up to no good and it's true,/but the only 'no good' I'm up to is not knowing what to do"). After clarifying the nature of "the night's cold parade" ("Don't expect a float or a band/A broken majorette may bum a cigarette and oller you her hand"), the song builds and builds until by the end something like a passion of compassion seizes the singer, the words becoming desperately bitter and bleak ("I only walk these streets because I cannot be left alone"): "The crossword puzzles and playoff games and porno sites galore cannot contain or ease the pain, they don't work any more." *It's a wildly ambitious song that has to be heard to be unbelieved. It's* cabaret, folk, rock and roll, jazz, and great acting, all in one.

Stew loves to stick unlisted "hidden tracks" on the end of his records, so that when you think you've heard it all, you haven't; his version of a twist. Maybe the twist Spike Lee hints at for his film adaptation will help introduce some of the essential Stew songs to a still larger audience. You can sample *Passing Strange* on various YouTube videos.

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Library Hosts Irish Music By Husband-and-wife Duo

The husband-and-wife musical duo Angelina Carberry and Martin Quinn will combine their talents on tenor banjo and button accordion for a concert of traditional Irish music at Princeton Public Library on Wednesday, July 30, at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Carberry and Mr. Quinn offer what has been described as "tight-knit performances honed by years of old-fashioned family music-making."

Ms. Carberry was born in England but returned to Ireland in the 90s, where she claims roots in the music of her County Longford family. Although she started on the tin whistle, she quickly followed in the footsteps of her grandfather and took up the banjo.

Mr. Quinn was born into a family of musicians and storytellers in County Armagh. He took up the accordion in 1981 and is regarded as one of Ireland's finest exponents of that instrument.

Mercer County Offers Free Music in the Park Concerts

A series of free concerts in parks around Mercer County have been scheduled by the office of Brian Hughes, County Executive for Mercer County.

Due to inclement weather, Arturo Romay's concert at Millyard Park was rescheduled from last week to this Thursday, July 31, from noon till 2 p.m. The Tone Rangers, a soft rock group will perform Saturday, August 2, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at South River Walk Park in Trenton. Bradford Hayes, a jazz saxophonist will perform on Thursday, August 7, noon to 2 p.m. at Millyard Park. Rick Flore Band is jazz/blues group and they will perform on Saturday, August 23, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Mercer County Park Marina in West Windsor. For additional information, visit www.mercercounty.org.

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The Billies to Perform At Local Farmers' Market

The West Windsor Community Farmers' Market is hosting a free concert with the Billies on Saturday, August 2 at 9:45 a.m. The Point Pleasant trio includes Chrisie Santoni on lead vocals and guitar, Jeremy Renner on guitar, and Craig "Catfish Turtle" Smith on percussion and vocals.

Ms. Santoni is an award winning songwriter who has placed first in the Unisong Songwriting Contest and first runner up in the John Lennon Songwriting contest.

Jeremy Renner is an electrifying guitar wizard who lights up the music with energy and passion. Rounding out the trio is Catfish, who keeps the beat with an assortment of percussion instruments like bongos, shakers, tambourine, and sometimes even the kitchen sink and sings harmony.

Highlights of the bands' career include shows with Dicky Betts, Buffy Saint-Marie, Everlast, Jeffrey Gaines, Jill Sobule, and Shawn Colvin. For additional information visit www.myspace.com/thebilliesmusic.

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STORY TIME WITH SNOW WHITE: Snow White and her friends from Princeton Summer Theater recently stopped by Jazams toy store to read a translation of the Brothers Grimm's Snow White. From left are: John Hardin, Tara Richter-Smith, Veronica Siverd as Snow White, Director Shawn Fennell, and Max Rosmarin. Princeton Summer Theater is performing Snow White in the Hamilton Murray Theater, located on the Princeton University campus, this Thursday through Sunday, July 31 through August 2, at 11a.m., and tickets are $6. For additional information call (609) 258-7062 or visit www.PrincetonSummerTheater.org.

CLASSIC FINISH: Princeton Summer Theater is winding down the season with a production of Blithe Spirit. Standing left are performers: Aaron Strand as Charles, Georgie Sherrington as Ruth, and Veronica Siverd as Elvira. Performances are scheduled for July 31 through August 3 and August 7 through the 10th, Thursday through Sunday at 2 p.m. For additional information call the box office at (609) 258-7062 or visit www.PrincetonSummerTheater.org.

Student Run Theater Wraps Up Summer

Snow White and her Seven Dwarves recently visited Jazams Toy Store in Princeton, courtesy of performers from Princeton Summer Theater, the student run repertory company at Princeton University.

The actors read from different translations of the Brothers Grimm's Snow White story in advance of Princeton Summer Theater's production of Marjorie Sokoloff's *Snow White*, which is running this Thursday through Sunday, July 31 through August 2. Performances are at 11a.m. and tickets are $6.

Princeton Summer Theater's 40th anniversary season is drawing to a close and the final production will be Noel Coward's classic *Blithe Spirit*.

The original play was set In Kent, England but director Lovell Holder (PU'09) is transplanting the play to Wilmington, North Carolina, a small town located on the ocean. Mr. Holder saw a connection between Blithe Spirit's Haunting romance and one of the most haunted cities in America which he knew from his childhood in North Carolina.

The play is set in the home of successful author Charles Condomime (Aaron Strand, NYU'11). Mr. Condomime is writing a book on the supernatural and as part of the research, he and his wife, Ruth (Georgie Sherrington, PU'08), invite psychic Madame Arcati (Heather May, PU'10) for a seance.

Blithe Spirit runs July 31 through August 3 and August 7 through the 10th. Performances are scheduled for Thursday through Sunday at 2 p.m. For additional information call the box office at (609) 258-7062 or visit www.PrincetonSummerTheater.org.

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A WHOLE LOTTA SHAKIN' GOIN' ON: Things were hopping at the Princeton Shopping Center last Thursday; the sounds were provided by the Alice Project. Alex & the Kalledoscope Band will be performing this week, July 31, from 6 to 8 p.m. (Photo by Emily Reeves)

Newark Black Film Festival Offers Free Film Screening

The Bank of America Newark Black Film Festival (NBFF), produced by The Newark Museum, is turning the spotlight on emerging filmmakers with a screening of the 2008 Paul Robeson award winning films. The Paul Robeson Awards is a biennial competition and was established in 1985 to honor the activist, scholar, performer and athlete. The award winning films will be shown on Thursday, July 31, at the New Jersey State Museum Auditorium, located at 205 West State Street in Trenton.

First Prize and Honorable Mention recognition were awarded to eight filmmakers selected from among 38 entries in four categories including: documentary, short narrative, long narrative and experimental. The screenings will start at 3:30 p.m. with *Algeny: The Genetic Factor*, winner in the Long Narrative category, followed by a reception at 5:00 p.m. The festivities continue at 6:00 p.m. with a screening of *Prince Among Slaves* (documentary), and will continue with *Birthmarks* (experimental) at 7:00 p.m. and *Reflections* (short narrative) at 7:30 p.m.. The filmmakers will participate in a question and answer session following each screening.

Produced since 1974 by The Newark Museum, the festival has grown in recent years through the generous support of Bank of America. In 2004, NBFF expanded to Trenton under the auspices of the New Jersey State Museum; in 2005, to Asbury Park, presented by the Monmouth County Arts Council, and this year to Camden, presented by Rutgers – Camden Center for the Arts. The NBFF, the longest running Black film festival in the nation, is celebrating 34 years of defining the independent film experience.

The hosts for the evening will include Alysia Welch-Chester, Capital City Redevelopment Corporation, Celebrate NJ, Mercer County Cultural and Heritage Commission, New Jersey State Council on the Arts and Old Mill Hill Society.

Jurors of the 2008 Paul Robeson Award competition include Henrietta Parker, filmmaker, NJN; Quincy Corker, filmmaker; Pete Chatmon, filmmaker and 2006 Robeson Award-winner for his film, *Premium*; Wanda Pendleton, Newark Museum community coordinator; Ghitana Dickerson, Newark Museum grant writer; Anthony G., Clark, coordinator of library programs, Newark Public Library; Peggy Dougherty, director of development, The Newark Museum, and Joyce Anne Judd, educator. NBFF committee members serving as jurors included Gloria Hopkins Buck, NBFF chair; Iris M. Orellana, director of development and special programs, NJ Department of State; Miriam Petty, Ph.D., and Jane W. Rappaport, former NBFF coordinator.

"The biennial Paul Robeson Awards is given to a select group of filmmakers who believe that black films should rise to the highest possible standards of cultural and historical integrity," said Dr. Clement A. Price, Professor of History at Rutgers University-Newark and a charter member of the NBFF Selection Committee. "On this thirty-fourth anniversary of the festival and the 22nd anniversary of the Festival's Paul Robeson Awards, black film, as a genre and as a way of better understanding ourselves, is alive and well. Hallelujah."

All screenings are free to the public. For additional information call (609) 292-6464, extension 4.

Summer Shakespeare Offered at McCarter

McCarter Theatre's Summer Shakespeare program for high school students will present *Pericles* on the Matthews stage of McCarter Theatre on Friday, August 8 and Saturday, August 9 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, August, 10 at 2 p.m.

Summer Shakespeare is an intensive four week program that focuses on classical dramatic training. Students participate in a full range of classes including acting, improvisation, combat, movement, shakespeare studies and stagecraft. This year's program will culminate in three public performances of Shakespeare's heroic tale of adventure, *Pericles*, directed by Christopher T. Parks.

Participating high school students include: Anjali Mehta and Angela Musliner of Princeton; Andrew James Gordon, Ned Ianacone, Liz Jerome of Princeton Junction; Allison Brobst and Darby O'Hara of Lawrenceville; Emma Avish and Cara Hume of Skillman. The cast also features Raphael Glazov of Belle Mead, Stephen Krause of New Hope, Charlotte LaNasa of Washington Crossing, Jane Schumacher of Moorestown, Laura Valenza of Hopewell, Kyle Walton of Greenbrook, and Diana Wilkinson of Pennington.

Ticket prices are $10 for adults and $7 for students with proper ID and are available by calling the McCarter ticket office at (609) 258-2787. McCarter Theatre is located at 91 University Place, Princeton.

Unitarian Church Hosts Progressive Film Festival

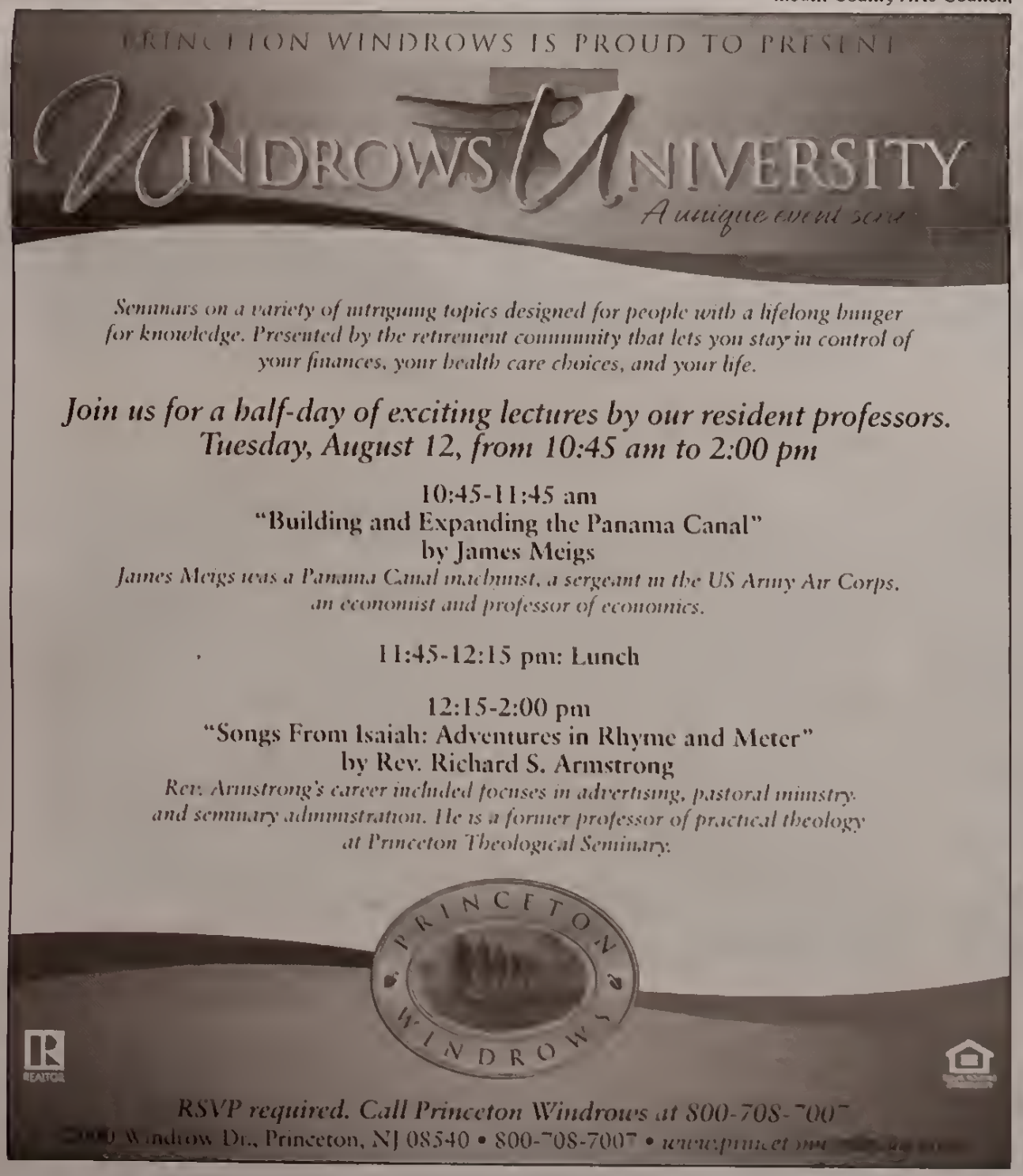
The public is invited to attend a free Progressive Film Festival, which opens this Friday at Princeton's Unitarian Church, located at 50 Cherry Hill Road.

The first film of the series will be *Under the Same Moon*, on Friday, August 1 at 7:15 p.m. Starring Carlitos (Adrián Alonso), who is 9, hasn't seen his mother in four years. She lives in L.A., where she works as a housekeeper and sends him $300 a month; after his grandmother dies, he heads north to reconnect with her. Carlitos has a sweet pup's face, but he makes it across the border in no time, and then bounces around amid the culture of illegals, working as a dishwasher, picking hothouse tomatoes, drifting with a shifty grouch of a migrant worker (the terrific Eugenio Derbez) who keeps them both a step ahead of the feds.

As Carlitos' mom, Kate del Castillo catches the bottled-up desperation and hope of a life that teeters between opportunity and slavery. *Under the Same Moon*'s politics sneak up on you. The film says that the U.S. immigrant situation is untenable, but then it forces us to ask: What should be done? That's a good enough "argument" to find in a movie with an ending so touching it could make Lou Dobbs cry. March 2008 review.

The next film will be *Maxed Out* on *Friday*, August 8 at 7:15 p.m. The scariest horror film of the season doesn't feature torture or a South Korean sea monster. it's this nonfiction look at the banks and the credit card companies that stalk middle and low income Americans, dangling piles of approved credit in front of them and then jacking up the interest rates like loan sharks.

The next film will be *No End in Sight* on Friday, August 15 at 7:15 p.m. This film is a coolheaded and devastating exposé of the Bush administration's bungling of the Iraq war, directed by Charles Ferguson with a thirst for history that transcends ideology.



SENIOR CITIZENS CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 30 – Wednesday, August 6

Information Provided by Senior Resource Center, 924-7108

SENIOR RESOURCE CENTER (SRC) at Spruce Circle (SC) off Harrison St., Suzanne Patterson Bldg (SPB); Redding Circle (RC), Borough Hall (BH); Harriet Bryan Building (HBH); Henry F. Pannell Learning Center (HPLC), Princeton University (PU), Princeton University Art Museum (PUAM). Information about resources for the older adult. Call 924-7108

Wednesday, July 30:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Movie: *Kite Runner*; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk English; SC.
1:30 p.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:45 p.m. Memoir Writing; SC.

Thursday, July 31:
9:30 a.m. Computer Basics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Art Studio; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Bridge, sanctioned; SPB.

Friday, August 1:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
9:30 a.m. Let's Talk English Too; RC.
10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.
11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.

Monday, August 4:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
11:30 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.
1:30 p.m. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Caregiver Support; SPB.
2:30 p.m. Yoga; HBH.
7:30 p.m. Begin. English; HBH.

Tuesday, August 5:
11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Bridge; SPB.
1:00 p.m. Computer Lab; SPB.

Wednesday, August 6:
9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.
10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.
1:00 p.m. Movie: *The Jane Austen Book Club*; SPB.
1:30 p.m. Let's Talk English; SC.
1:30 p.m. Art with Bob; SPB.
3:00 p.m. Let's Talk Too; SC.
4:30 p.m. Children of Aging Parents; SC.

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P.S. Corneal abrasion is one of the most common kinds of eye injuries.

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Calendar

Wednesday, July 30

1 p.m.: Senior Resource Center screening of *Kite Runner*; Suzanne Patterson Building. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Irish musicians Angela Carberry and Martin Quinn; Princeton Public Library. Free.

Thursday, July 31

2 p.m.: *Blithe Spirit*; Princeton Summer Theater; Hamilton Murray Theater on the Princeton University campus. Also Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 2 p.m.

6 p.m.: Kaleidoscope Band; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

7 p.m.: *Jesus Christ Superstar*; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. Also Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7 p.m.

7 p.m.: Blawenburg Band; Weeden Park, Lawrenceville. Free.

8 p.m.: Folk singer Danny DeFonza; Small World Coffee, 14 Witherspoon Street.

Friday, August 1

6:30 p.m.: Darla Rich Duo; Positano Mediterranean Grill, Plainsboro.

7:15 p.m.; Progressive Film Festival; *Under the Same Moon*; Princeton Unitarian Church. Free

8 p.m.: *Leader of the Pack*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: *The Fantasticks*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Mike Morse and Chuck Mignanelli; Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club, Princeton Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

10 p.m.: Release Party for Stephenie Meyer's *Breaking Down*; Barnes & Noble, MarketFair Mall, Route 1.

Saturday, August 2

9:45 a.m.; The Billies; West Windsor Community Farmers' Market.

6 p.m.: Mercer County Music in the Park concert with The Tone Rangers; South River Walk Park, Trenton.

6:30 p.m.: Dick Braytenbah Trio with Tony Mennella; Hopewell Valley Bistro and Inn, Hopewell.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.: Folk singer David Jacobsen; Halo Pub, 9 Hulfish Street.

Monday, August 4
Recyling

7 p.m.: *The Wizord of Oz*; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. Also Tuesday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.

7 p.m.: Talk, "Seeds of Change," by Jim Amon of D&R Greenway Land Trust; Princeton Public Library.

Wednesday, August 6

1 p.m.: Senior Resource Center screening of *The Jane Austen Book Club*; Suzanne Patterson Building. Free.

7 p.m.: Darla Rich Quartet; Fedora Cafe, Lawrenceville.

7:30 p.m.: Screening of Beatles film *Let it Be* with commentary by film historian Bruce Lawton; Princeton Public Library. Free.

Thursday, August 7

Noon: Mercer County Music in the Park concert with Bradford Hayes; Millyard Park, Trenton.

2 p.m.: *Blithe Spirit*; Princeton Summer Theater; Hamilton Murray Theater on the Princeton University campus. Also Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 2 p.m.

6 p.m.: Vocalist-guitarist K.J. Denhart; Princeton Shopping Center Courtyard. Free.

7 p.m.: *Jesus Christ Superstar*; Open Air Theater, Washington Crossing State Park, Titusville. Also Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 7 p.m.

7:30 p.m.: Voices Chorale Summer Sing, Haydn's *St. Theresa Mass*; Music Together, 225 Pennington-Hopewell Road, Hopewell.

Friday, August 8

Dusk: Mercer County Movies in the Park; Rosedale Park, Princeton.

7 p.m.: Mark Cosgrove and the Good Medicine Band; Crossing Vineyards & Winery, 1853 Wrightstown Road, Washington Crossing, Pa.

7:15 p.m.; Progressive Film Festival; *Maxed Out*; Princeton Unitarian Church. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Courtyard Concert with Natural Breakdown jam band; Grounds For Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: *Leader of the Pack*; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 p.m., Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Rodney Laney and John Kensil; Catch a Rising Star Comedy Club, Princeton Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

Saturday, August 9

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.: 8th Annual Butterfly Festival; Stony Brook Millstone Watershed Association, 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington.

6:30 to 9:30 p.m.: Stringzville jazz/bossa nova band; Halo Pub, 9 Hulfish Street.

6:30 p.m.: Upper Princeton Swing Collective; Hopewell Valley Bistro and Inn, Hopewell.

8 p.m.: Singer-songwriter John Hiatt & the Ageless Beauties; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

RUBBLE-ROUSER: The former site of the Tulane Street parking lot and the future site of Building C is cleared for construction. Building C is to be a five-story mixed-use building that will house 56 apartments and retail space including a grocery store. It is part of Phase II of the downtown redevelopment project. Nassau HKT is the developer for the site and construction is being undertaken by Costanza Builders from Cherry Hill. So far the area has been fenced in and the parking meters have been removed. *(Photo by Dilshanie Perera)*

"WINDROWS WONDERS": Nearly 100 residents of Princeton Windrows Independent living community recently pitched in to support the Eden Family 5K and One Mile Fun Run to help fight autism. The residents raised $1,195.00 for Eden Services, a New Jersey-based non-profit that works to improve the lives of children and adults with autism, as well as their families. Forty of the Princeton Windrows residents, the Windrows Wonders age 72 to 96, participated in the one-mile walk. *(Photo courtesy of Eden Services and Princeton Windrows.)*

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The Joker and Batman Match Wits and Muscle

You heard it here first: the late Heath Ledger will win an Academy Award for his spine-tingling performance as the Joker. Forget Cesar Romero's hamming in the sixties TV series, ditto Jack Nicholson's over the top rendition in the first screen adaptation of Batman back in 1989.

Ledger eclipses each of them with an inspired interpretation of the character as a misanthrope who is more menacing than mirthful. However, he does have a full complement of laugh inducing lines like "Whatever doesn't kill you simply makes you stranger," "I love this job," and "You know, you remind me of my father. I hated my father." Still, what makes this version of the Joker unforgettable is that under that garish clown makeup is a philosophical and scary psychopath.

The accolades for *The Dark Knight* are not limited to Ledger's performance, because the picture happens to be not only the best blockbuster of the summer, but arguably the best comic book adaptation ever brought to the big screen. And although it's early to be talking Oscar nominees, nominations should also go for director Christopher Nolan and Christian Bale.

As for the plot, at the point of departure we find Gotham winning its battle against the underworld, thanks in no small part to the efforts of Batman. However, everything changes when the Joker comes to town and pulls off a brazen bank robbery in which he steals laundered money that belongs to the mob, and simultaneously kills each of his accomplices the moment he no longer needs their services.

Next, the double-crossing clown approaches the city's crime bosses and offers, for a price, to eliminate Batman, who has almost completely shut down their lucrative syndicate. They reluctantly agree, which means Batman must match wits as well as muscle in his duel with this worthy adversary.

HERE HE COMES TO SAVE THE DAY: In a dramatic entry through a window, Batman (Christian Bale) arrives on his newly designed Batcycle in his attempt to foil the Joker's latest plan to defeat our Caped Crusader hero.

Fortunately, Batman's alter ego billionaire Bruce Wayne, together with the help of his loyal butler, Alfred (Michael Caine) and brilliant inventor Lucius Fox (Morgan Freeman), has the benefit of being outfitted with a line of new and improved Bat weapons, including a Batmobile, Batsuit, Batpod, Batdarts, Batsonar, to name a few.

Despite all the bells and whistles and eye-popping special effects, *The Dark Knight* will be remembered as Heath Ledger's swan song. Sadly, his best performance was also his last.

Excellent (★★★★). Rated PG-13 for intense violence. Running time: 152 minutes. Studio: Warner Brothers.

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AT THE CINEMA

American Teen (PG-13 for sexuality, profanity, smoking, and alcohol consumption, all involving teens). Coming-of-age documentary traces ten months in the lives of four high school seniors, a popular jock (Colin Clemens), a nerdy band geek (Jake Tusing), a spoiled prom queen (Megan Krizmanich), and an artsy bohemian (Hannah Bailey) in the tiny town of Warsaw, Indiana.

Brick Lane (PG-13 for profanity and sexuality). Cross-cultural drama set in the eighties about an obedient Bangladeshi woman (Tannishtha Chatterjee) who emigrates to London, where she ends up trapped in a soul-strangling arranged marriage with a middle-aged Muslim (Satish Kaushik) twenty years her senior.

Brideshead Revisited (PG-13 for sexuality). Emma Thompson stars in this World War II era tale of forbidden love set in England, based on Evelyn Waugh's classic novel about a Protestant of humble birth (Matthew Goode) who becomes infatuated with the sister (Hayley Atwell) of a college classmate (Ben Whishaw) from an aristocratic Catholic family when brought home to their palatial castle over vacation.

The Dark Knight (PG-13 for menacing and intense violence). Christian Bale returns as the Caped Crusader in an action thriller co-starring the late Heath Ledger as Batman's arch-enemy, a psychopathic clown known as the Joker. Cast includes Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Gary Oldman, Aaron Eckhart, and Michael Jai White.

Hancock (PG-13 for profanity and sci-fi violence). Will Smith stars in this action comedy about a misunderstood superhero out of favor with the public who tries to resurrect his image with the help of the PR executive (Jason Bateman) whose life he saves. Featuring Charlize Theron and cameos by scriptwriter Akiva Goldsman and director Michael Mann.

Hellboy II: The Golden Army (PG-13 for profanity, violence, and sci-fi action). Ron Perlman reprises the title role in this horror sequel about a red-horned hellspawn who returns to Earth to save the day when the truce between humanity and the invisible realm is broken by a diabolical demon with an army of marauding creatures.

Journey to the Center of the Earth 3D (PG for intense action and scary scenes). Brendan Fraser stars in this adaptation of the Jules Verne classic about a science professor who discovers a portal to the bowels of the planet while searching in a cave for his missing brother.

Kit Kittredge: An American Girl (G). Depression era drama, inspired by the illustrated children's novel of the same name by Valerie Tripp, stars Abigail Breslin as a spunky nine year old who, with the help of her friends, sets out to solve the string of robberies around Cincinnati that has left her cash-strapped family facing foreclosure. With Joan Cusack, Julia Ormond, Jane Krakowski, Stanley Tucci, and Willow Smith.

The Last Mistress (Unrated). Catherine Breillat directs this exploration of female desire, set in the 19th century during the reign of King Louis Phillippe, about a bachelor (Fu'ad Ait Aattou) who has to contend with the wrath of his troublemaking, jealous lover of ten years (Asia Argento) after announcing his engagement to an angelic virgin (Roxane Mesquida) of noble birth. In French with subtitles.

Mamma Mia! (PG-13 for sex-related material). Screen adaptation of the hit Broadway musical, set on an enchanting Greek island, where an 18-year-old bride-to-be (Amanda Seyfried) has invited all three of her mother's (Meryl Streep) ex-lovers to her wedding, hoping to determine which one is her father: the businessman (Pierce Brosnan), the adventurer (Stellan Skarsgard), or the banker (Colin Firth).

Midnight Meat Train (R for sexuality, nudity, profanity, eroticized graphic violence, and grisly images). Gruesome horror flick about a struggling photographer (Bradley Cooper) who ends up putting his and his girlfriend's (Leslie Bibb) lives in danger after being egged on by a prominent art gallery owner (Brooke Shields) to get grittier shots for his show by following the trail of the serial killer (Vinnie Jones) who's been butchering late-night commuters on the NYC subway.

Mongol (R for graphically depicted battle sequences). Bloody bio-pic revisits the transformation of a lowly slave named Temudgin (Tadanobu Asano) into Genghis Khan (1162-1227), the legendary warrior who united numerous nomadic northeast Asian tribes en route to conquering half the world and creating the largest empire in history by 1206. In Mongolian with subtitles.

The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13 for adventure, and action violence). Brendan Fraser returns for a third go-round as intrepid explorer Rick O'Connell who is now joined by his son (Luke Ford), wife (Maria Bello) and her brother (John Hannah) in an epic adventure to the Far East to combat a recently-resurrected, 2,000 year-old, shape-shifting entity (Jet Li) bent on world domination. With Michelle Yeoh, Isabella Leong, and Russell Wong.

The Rape of Europa (Unrated). Historical documentary, narrated by Joan Allen, recounts the looting of Europe's art by the Nazis during World War II and the subsequent heroic efforts of curators to salvage the continent's cultural heritage by rescuing and returning millions of stolen treasures. In English, Russian, German, Polish, French, and Italian with subtitles.

Space Chimps (G). Animated adventure about a trio of chimpanzee astronauts (Andy Samberg, Cheryl Hines, and Patrick Warburton) sent to another galaxy to rescue the peaceful inhabitants of an uncharted planet from the clutches of an evil tyrant (Jeff Daniels). Voice cast includes Kenan Thompson and Stanley Tucci.

Step Brothers (R for crude humor, sexuality, and pervasive profanity). Will Ferrell and John C. Reilly co-star in this comedy about a couple of immature slackers still living at home with a single parent who suddenly find themselves forced to coexist under the same roof when one's mother (Mary Steenburgen) marries the other's father (Richard Jenkins).

Swing Vote (PG-13 for profanity). Civic duty comedy about an apathetic, alcoholic loser (Kevin Costner) who suddenly finds himself the center of attention after his mischievous, 12 year-old daughter (Madeline Carroll) sets in motion a chain of events which means his vote will decide the outcome of the presidential election. Star-studded cast includes Nathan Lane, Kelsey Grammer, George Lopez, Willie Nelson, Paula Patton, Dennis Hopper, and Stanley Tucci, with cameos by political pundits James Carville, Chris Matthews, Larry King, Arianna Huffington, Bill Maher, Tucker Carlson, and Campbell Brown.

Tell No One (Unrated). Crime thriller about a grieving pediatrician (Francois Cluzet) who suddenly finds himself a suspect in his wife's (Marie-Josee Croze) murder when the police decide to reopen the case at the same time that he receives an anonymous email warning him to "tell no one" that she's still alive. In French with subtitles.

The Visitor (PG-13 for brief profanity). A movie from actor-turned-director Thomas McCarthy (The Station Agent), a quirky drama revolving around a jaded professor (Richard Jenkins) at a college in Connecticut who heads to New York to attend a conference only to find a young couple from Senegal (Danai Jekesai Gurira) and Syria (Haaz Sleiman) living in his pied-a-terre.

The Wackness (R for profanity, sexuality, and pervasive drug use). Hip-hop era romantic comedy, set in 1994, about a college-bound teen (Josh Peck) who spends the summer dealing weed on the streets of New York while falling in love with his shrink's (Ben Kingsley) stepdaughter (Olivia Thirlby) Cast includes Mary-Kate Olsen, Method Man, and Famke Janssen.

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Sports

PU Men's Hockey Standout Godlewski Samples Pro Game at Blackhawks Camp

Matt Godlewski was looking forward to a quiet summer.

The sophomore defenseman for the Princeton University men's hockey team planned to spend a lot of time on the lake near his family's home in Elk River, Minn. when he wasn't going through his individual skating and conditioning routines.

But then Godlewski got a phone call from Tiger assistant coach Keith Fisher that changed his plans.

"I was doing my same offseason routine and I got a call from Coach Fisher saying that the Chicago Blackhawks wanted me to come to their prospects camp," recalled Godlewski. "I hadn't spoken to anyone with the team so it was a total surprise."

The 6'1, 190-pound Godlewski jumped at the opportunity and enjoyed a busy week at the camp which took place earlier this month at the Edge Ice Arena near Chicago.

"It was really intense, a lot of the guys there were trying out to make the Blackhawks or one of their minor league teams," said Godlewski.

"It wasn't just coming in and skating around. I had an advantage because it wasn't a try-out for me; I was able to play relaxed."

The camp featured a rigorous fitness test, on-ice instruction, three scrimmage games, and off-ice training. A total of 44 players were on hand, including several recent Blackhawks draft picks and other players under contract with the organization.

Godlewski thrived in the intense atmosphere of the camp. "It gave me a lot of confidence," said Godlewski. "I played well against pros, it's a great way to head back into the college season."

Coming into his freshman season with Princeton, Godlewski was confident he could be a regular contributor for the Tigers.

"I really didn't know what to expect; I knew I wanted to play in every game, that is usually tough to do for a freshman," said Godlewski, who had a goal and two assists in 32 appearances for the Tigers this past winter in his debut campaign.

"I was able to do that; the off-ice training was a lot more intense than I expected."

For Godlewski, keeping up with his academic load required intensity and focus.

"By far the toughest thing was balancing schoolwork with the hockey," acknowledged Godlewski.

"In high school, it wasn't that difficult. You could sleep in and you didn't have the travel. At Princeton, you have to learn how to turn the hockey stuff on and off. It can be really hard when you are on the road in a hotel and you know you have to be doing your school work."

Although Princeton got off to a sluggish 5-8 start, Godlewski was confident that the team's hard work would pay off.

"We had lost some games we should have won," said Godlewski, who emerged as a key defender for the Tigers as they went on to go 22-14 and win the ECAC Tournament in rising to No. 15 in the national polls.

"I think when we went on Christmas break, we got almost a month and a half to focus on hockey. It helped me adjust to college hockey; I felt that I really started to pick up the system. The team went on a roll after that."

The influence of team captain and All-American defenseman Mike Moore hastened Godlewski's adjustment to college hockey.

"Mike was unbelievable to look up to and to see how he was in control on and off the ice," said Godlewski.

"He gave us pointers on the ice. He took us under his wing and he was always positive."

CHICAGO FIRE: Matt Godlewski controls the puck in action this past winter during his freshman season with the Princeton University men's hockey team. Earlier this month, the 6'1, 190-pound defenseman got a taste of the pro game as he played in the Chicago Blackhawks 2008 Prospects camp. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

The Tigers certainly enjoyed a positive experience as they topped Colgate in the ECAC semifinals and then topped Harvard in the title game.

"By far the experience of being there was the thing I'll remember most," added Godlewski.

"It was a lot more of a big deal than I had thought after we beat Yale in the quarterfinals. When we got up to Albany and had the banquet; it hit me what a big deal this was. Winning it was something else."

While the uplifting season ended on a down note with a 5-1 loss to North Dakota in the NCAA Tournament, the Tigers still took positives from that setback.

"I think we learned we can skate with anyone in the country," said Godlewski.

"We outshot them 39-18 and controlled the game; they just did a better job of burying their opportunities."

As Godlewski goes back to his offseason routine, which includes skating on a treadmill, weightlifting, and on-ice work, he is looking forward to helping the Tigers maximize their opportunities in the upcoming season.

"There is a lot of excitement going into next season," said Godlewski, who is one of 20 returners for a Tiger squad that graduated just five seniors. "We are excited for next year; we have a lot of good guys coming back and we should be even better."

And after his week with the Blackhawks, Godlewski figures to be a lot better for the Tigers this winter.

—Bill Alden

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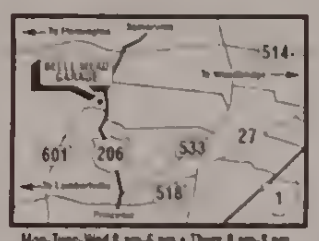

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PU Alum Lind Looking for Legendary Effort As She Rows on U.S. Women's 8 at Olympics

She was the senior superstar of the 2006 Princeton University women's open crew but Caroline Lind wasn't a cool customer as the boat hit the water at Lake Mercer for the NCAA championship race.

"I was so nervous; the first thing I remember is that I couldn't eat breakfast that day," said Lind.

"I tried to eat a bagel and cream cheese and I could eat just half the bagel. I remember being in the race and being up a boat length and still being so exhausted and thinking like push harder, push harder."

Lind helped push Princeton to a stirring triumph as it pulled away from Cal to culminate its undefeated season with the national crown.

Next month, Lind will be looking to push the U.S. women's eight to greatness as it competes in the Beijing Summer Olympics.

While Lind has excelled in pair competition this season, she is thrilled to make her Olympic debut in the women's eight.

"The eight is always my goal; I think it is a priority of the team so it was really important to me," said Lind.

"I was extremely excited to learn I was on the team. I felt overwhelmed but it was great."

Lind got off to a great start in rowing when she took up the sport during her sophomore year at Phillips Academy after breaking her nose playing softball.

"I switched halfway through the season," recalled Lind, a native of Greensboro, N.C.

"I made the first boat and we won the New England Championships. I made the junior national team that year. I took to it right away; it was wonderful. My mom is saying thank God for that ball breaking your nose because look at where you are now."

Lind wouldn't be heading for the Olympics without the instruction and support she received from Princeton women's open head coach Lori Dauphiny.

"I think Lori made a huge difference," asserted Lind, who also looked at the University of Virginia, Stanford and Michigan when making her college choice.

"I met with all the coaches but she really clicked with me the most. I felt the most comfortable with her and what she wanted to do and what I wanted to do. I thought she could get me where I needed to be and she did."

It was a gradual process for Lind and her classmates as they rose up the ladder of the college rowing world.

"I was on the first varsity starting with my freshman year," said Lind. "We went from eighth to fourth to second to first in my four years. It was definitely always a goal; there was a lot of excitement with all the girls on the team. We are just competitive and ambitious girls and we had a great team to work with. We just would never give up."

Coming into the spring of 2006, Lind wasn't sure the boat would reach its ultimate goal.

"I knew we had a great team but you never know how things are going to shake out," said the 6'0 Lind, who was the stroke for the crew that season.

"As we went through the season, it was like OK, we could really make a statement this year. It became more and more clear that we had the ability to do something legendary. Each race gave us better confidence and certainty that we have the ability. Lori prepared us and we prepared ourselves. We sacrificed when we needed to; we were really ready."

Now, Lind is confident that the U.S. women's eight will show a similar level of commitment as it gets ready for Beijing and the rowing competition which is slated for August 9-17.

"I think from now on we are just going to try to forget about everything and forget about the excitement," said Lind.

"We have developed chemistry, we have all rowed long enough that we are already good friends and good teammates. We know what we have to do. I think we are going to put our heads down and go to work for the next month just like we have been doing the past four years. We want to get prepared and do everything we can."

—Bill Alden

POWER STROKE: Caroline Lind pulls hard from the stroke position in helping the Princeton University women's open boat to the championship in the 2006 NCAA title race. Next month, Lind will utilize her power for the U.S. women's eight as it competes in the Beijing Summer Olympics. (Photo by B. Allen/NJ Sport Am

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Former PU Rower Coppola Hits New Heights Heading to Olympics With U.S. Men's Eight

When Steve Coppola entered high school, he saw basketball as his main sport.

Although Coppola was on his way to reaching a towering 6'8, his parents decided that his height and energy might serve him well on the water.

"I first started rowing when I was 14; my parents signed me up for a summer rowing camp to get me out of their hair," recalled Coppola, a native of Buffalo, N.Y. "They just couldn't tell me to stop after that."

Coppola hasn't stopped improving, going on to be a star for the Princeton University heavyweight program and then making an impact for the U.S. Rowing team.

In mid-August, Coppola will reach new heights in the rowing world when he competes for the U.S. Olympic team in the men's eight at the Beijing Summer Olympics.

In reflecting on making his first U.S. Olympic team, Coppola was speechless.

"I think I'm still in a state of shock," said Coppola, a 2006 Princeton graduate who helped the U.S. Eight finish fourth in the 2007 FISA World Championships and third in 2006.

"It's hard to put into words; I don't know what to say. It's been a long process; the training has been ramping up a little the last couple of years."

It didn't take long for Coppola to ramp things up after being introduced to rowing.

"In my sophomore year of high school, I started specializing in rowing," said Coppola.

"I was spending my summers rowing while my basketball teammates were playing in summer leagues. They were getting better at basketball while I was getting better at rowing. I saw my playing time diminish as my friends were honing their skills and I was honing my rowing skills. Eventually I said to myself, you are going to be a lot better at rowing so just focus on that and maybe you can be really good."

Coppola, though, didn't get really good until he joined the Princeton men's heavyweight program and came under the tutelage of then-freshman coach Greg Hughes and varsity head coach Curtis Jordan.

"I think I was lucky that Greg Hughes and Curtis Jordan took a little bit of a gamble on me; I think we were both lucky in the long run," said Coppola, who helped the Tigers heavyweight eight finish second in the Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) national championships in both 2005 and 2006.

"I had to get used to the training volume and intensity. I went from being a big fish to being the small fish; that was the biggest adjustment I would say. I enjoyed it."

The influence of Hughes, now the Princeton men's lightweight head coach, and Jordan, helped Coppola develop into a world class rower.

"I think they knew me better than I knew myself," asserted Coppola. "Their job is molding young men and they are very good at it. It was great to learn from two of the greats. Curtis' theme was that 'you are way more capable than you think you are.' He always said that to me and I would always try to push myself and prove him right."

Coppola and his classmates pushed themselves hard from the start, turning heads as freshmen when they went undefeated and capped their debut campaign by winning the Temple Challenge Cup at the storied Henley Regatta in England.

"I'll never forget our freshman season; that was something really special," said Coppola.

"Going undefeated and then going over to English Henley and after all that hard work and hard racing, we won the championship race against another Princeton crew (the Tiger men's varsity lightweight boat). That was great."

With the Olympic rowing competition taking place from August 9-17, Coppola is hoping that his current boat can come together and do some great things as it looks to win a second straight gold medal in the competition.

"We'll just be working on competing and trying to iron out things," said Coppola.

"We mix it up all year; we're pretty comfortable with each other. It is just really working on the finer points. I'm just going to try and keep my head down and work hard."

—Bill Alden

TALL ORDER: Former Princeton University rowing star Steven Coppola will be making his Olympic debut next month at the Beijing Summer Olympics. The 6'8, 215-pound Coppola, a 2006 Princeton alum, will be rowing tor the U.S. Men's eight as it looks to win a second straight gold medal.

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Using the Course to Bridge Generation Gaps, Family Golf Outing Back for a Fifth Year

It isn't always easy for a whole family to play a sport together.

An elementary school child may not be able to hold his or her own against a parent in a sport like basketball, tennis, or ice hockey.

By contrast, a teenager or college kid may be too strong and fast for the parent fighting middle-age spread and achy joints.

But the sport of golf can offer the opportunity for parents and children to enjoy a day playing together on relatively even terms with the use of handicaps and staggered tees.

That's the idea that led the Princeton Recreation Department to help the International Family Golf Association to start the Family Golf Outing in 2004.

"There were some gentlemen with the Family Golf Association, Larry Sanford and Todd Lincoln, and they approached our department," recalled Rec Department Assistant Director Ted Ernst. "They wanted to do a family golf tournament and I got pulled into it."

With the support of the Mercer County Park Commission, the event teed off in 2004 at the Mercer Oaks Golf Course in West Windsor.

The event has become a fixture on the local golf scene and will return to Mercer Oaks on August 6 as it marks its fifth anniversary.

More and more families are hitting the course for the outing, according to Ernst.

"We probably had 65 golfers the first year," recalled Ernst, noting that interested golfers can log onto the Rec Department website www.leaguelineup.com/princeton recreation to get registration information.

"Last year we had 92 golfers show up with 104 having signed up. The numbers are up so far this year compared to past years. We are ahead of where we have been at this stage."

In order to foster a family-friendly afternoon, the event features a best ball scramble format and the two-person family teams can play either nine or 18 holes.

In Ernst's view, the outing has accomplished its original mission. "It is called an outing and there are prizes and scores but the whole idea is to get people out there," said Ernst.

"The kids have a great time; we get a lot of kids. About a third of the players are kids and there are a lot under 10."

Ernst, who plays in the outing as well as running it, plans to bring his young son this year.

"I have been playing with my nephew who is 20 but I'm going to take my seven-year-old old son; he'll have fun just driving around in the cart. For some of these kids; the most fun they have is driving around in the cart with mom and dad."

A key factor in the success of the event has been the support of local sponsors. "We have the major sponsors which are the ones who actually give us money plus some giveaways and we put them on the sponsor board," said Ernst, noting that Volvo of Princeton and Henderson-Sotheby's have been sponsors since the beginning and will be joined by G.R. Murray Insurance and the Bank of Princeton this year.

"We have some in-kind sponsors, who provide goods and services and things of that nature. There are another 10-15 in-kind sponsors."

The outing culminates with a buffet dinner which helps the families enjoy one final segment of quality time together.

"Mercer County does a nice job with the dinner, just about everyone stays," said Ernst.

"We have door prizes we give away. The kids are thrilled to get a T-shirt or a hat. In past years, we had clubs and bags donated. The last one we draw is the foursome at Jasna Polana donated by the club."

The success of the outing over the last few years has the Family Golf Association looking to broaden its horizons.

"I know at some point that the Family Golf Association would like to see if it could expand upon our formula here and get other towns and communities involved," said Ernst.

"They eventually would like to turn this into a national event where they would solidify the rules and get it so that you have regional stuff in spring, and by fall there would be a national tournament. We would still do our local event but have another venue set up where it works its way to a regional and national thing."

But for now, Princeton-area families can be happy that they are lucky enough to have the golf outing in their backyard.

—Bill Alden

FAMILY TIES: Princeton Recreation Department Assistant Director Ted Ernst, second from left, prepares to join his brothers and nephews for last year's Family Golf Outing. The 2008 Family Golf Outing is slated to take place on August 6 at Mercer Oaks. This is the fifth anniversary of the event which is done in cooperation with the International Family Golf Association and the Mercer County Park Commission.

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It's A Grind Sparked by Slick Guard Williston To Advance in Summer Men's Hoops Playoffs

It would have been easy for Mike Williston and his teammates on It's A Grind to throw in the towel as they played Princeton Youth Sports last Monday in the playoffs of the Princeton Recreation Department Men's Summer Basketball League.

Starting the game with just four players, eighth-seeded it's A Grind found itself trailing No. 11 PYS 16-4 some 10 minutes into the contest. With a fifth player showing up, It's A Grind reeled off a 13-0 run to get back into the game.

Trailing by three early in the second half, It's A Grind was reduced to four bodies for the rest of the evening after one of its players was ejected from the game.

With point guard Williston triggering the offense and a box zone defense thwarting PYS, It's A Grind pulled out an unlikely 43-35 victory.

By virtue of its courageous effort, It's A Grind earned a date with top-seeded George's Roasters and Ribs/Ivy Inn in the league quarterfinals on Wednesday at the Community Park Courts.

The other quarterfinals matchups in the quadruple-header will feature No. 2 Northwestern Financial against No. 12 Where2Ball.com with third-seeded Dr. Palmer taking on No. 6 Cool Runnings and No. 4 Prime Time Camps facing fifth-seeded Coldwell Banker.

The semifinals are slated for August 1 with the survivors to face off in the best-of-three championship series starting on August 4.

Williston, a former Hightstown High standout, was proud of the character It's A Grind displayed in topping PYS, which is comprised of Princeton High boys' hoops players.

"I guess just heart pretty much; we had to fight through things," said Williston, who scored a game-high 18 points in the win with Vance Williams adding 15.

"We didn't want to go home. This is a tough CVC team. I played for Hightstown and I know Princeton. I know they run well. I'm just happy we pulled it off."

In Williston's view, it was the team's defensive intensity that paved the way for the victory. "We had to play hard defense; that's where it starts," asserted Williston.

"I think it was our defense that led to our offense. We had a box going; we just tried to pressure the ball up top and front the post."

Williston took matters into his hands when it's A Grind had the ball.

"Offensively, I just wanted to attack the basket," explained Williston. "I had confidence that I could beat anyone off the dribble. I just kept taking it; I was hoping to get a foul or make the bucket."

Once It's A Grind pulled ahead, Williston employed a more patient style.

"Hightstown is known for slowing the ball down; Don Hess [Hightstown head coach] taught me well," said a smiling Williston. "I know how to work the ball; I grew up that way."

After pulling out the shorthanded win, Williston is hoping it's A Grind will have more bodies on hand when it faces George's in the quarters.

"I have been in this situation before but in those games we didn't come through with a win," said Williston, who is entering his sophomore year at Monmouth University and hopes to walk on to the school's basketball team.

"This is big; I have to give it to my teammates, they all played hard. This is a great league; I want to go far in the playoffs. I'm hoping more guys on our team will show up on Wednesday."

And if it's A Grind's players show up Wednesday with the same kind of intensity they displayed against PYS, they could make things hard for George's.

—Bill Alden

GRINDING IT OUT: Mike Williston heads to the hoop for It's A Grind in recent action in the Princeton Recreation Department Men's Summer Basketball League. Last Monday, Williston scored a game-high 18 points to lead It's A Grind to a come-from-behind 43-35 win over Princeton Youth Sports in the opening round of the league playoffs. Eighth-seeded It's A Grind will face No. 1 George's Roasters and Ribs/Ivy Inn in the league quarterfinals on Wednesday at the Community Park Courts in one of four matchups in the playoff quadruple-header.

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Princeton Pop Warner Seeking Coaching Help

The Princeton Pop Warner football and cheerleading program is seeking volunteers to aid in coaching, mentoring, and encouraging its youth participants.

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Pop Warner will provide tralning for interested volunteers through Pop Warner coaching clinics, mentoring from college and high school coaches, and certification courses.

Prospective volunteers should be willing to work as part of a team in supporting the Pop Warner mission and growing the program.

The season starts with practices on August 1 with games being played on Sundays from August 31 through October 12. Home games will be played at Princeton High.

Those interested in being part of the program are encouraged to forward an e-mail to ptonpopwarner@gmail.com detailing areas of interest and experience or call Patrick Deely at (609) 240-5092.

For more information on the program, log onto www.princetonpopwarner.com.

Princeton Youth Hoops Title Game Results

In the championship game last Friday in the boys' junior division of the Princeton Recreation Department's summer youth basketball league, Robert Mooney scored nine points and Griffin Bull added five as Vincent Baldino and Brothers topped Princeton Pettoranello Foundation 19-14. Michael Elliot added three points In the win. Woody Kwitny paced Pettoranello with five points.

In the title contest in the senior division, the Rockets captured the championship with a 35-28 win over the Jazz. Eric Shorter led all scorers with 22 points for the Rockets. Danny Kang and Jeremy Goldsmith scored four points each for the Rockets. David Maselli led the Jazz with 15 points.

Princeton Special Sports Holding Soccer Sign-up

Princeton Special Sports (PSS), which provides youth sports programs to special needs children ages 4 through high school, is now registering players for its fall soccer program.

PSS Soccer plays on Sundays from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Farmview Fields off The Great Road in Princeton from September 7 through November 9. The season fee is $50. PSS also offers full and partial scholarships.

Registration deadline is the earlier of August 5 or when maximum registration is reached.

For more information and to download a 2008 Player Registration Form, please go to www.princetonspecialsports.com, e-mail princetonspecialsports@gmail.com, or call Deborah Martin at (609) 249-5860.

Those interested in becoming a PSS Buddy, can e-mail princetonspecialsports@gmail.com or call Ann Diver at (609) 924-0441.

Free Wheelers Club Bike Event August 2

The Princeton Free Wheelers bicycle club is holding its 28th annual Princeton Bicycling Event on August 2.

The event features six bike tours ranging from 20 to 100 miles with the rides beginnlng and ending at Mercer County Community College starting at 7 a.m. that day.

The event is open to anyone who rides a bicycle safely and wears an approved cycling helmet. Services include free parking, rest rooms, emergency help, water, and snack stops. A post-ride lunch including drinks and dessert is also included in the event.

The registration fee is $30 for adults and $10 for children ages 16 and under.

For more information, log on to the club's website at www.princetonfreewheelers.com. Registration forms are also available at local bike shops.

PU Men's Hoops Program Ranked 40th All-Time

The Princeton University men's basketball program was ranked No. 40 by ESPN.com In its historical rankings of the 330 Division t men's basketball teams.

The rankings take into account the past 24 seasons since the NCAA Tournament field expanded to 64 teams for the 1984-85 campaign.

A point system was used to determine the precise rankings with Princeton receiving the followlng points:

- 50 points for 10 Ivy League titles (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2002, 2004)
- 27 points for nlne "conference tournament titles" (years in which Princeton won the Ivy League and its NCAA Tournament berth) to be able to compare with schools in leagues that have conference tournaments
- Nine points for nine NCAA Tournament berths (1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2004)
- Eight points for eight 20-win seasons (1990, 1991, 1992, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2004)
- Six points for advancing to the NCAA Tournament's second round (1996, 1998)
- Three points for a post-season NIT berth (1999, 2000, 2002)
- Two points for its 1996 NCAA Tournament win over UCLA as a No. 13 seed

Princeton and arch-rival Pennsylvania at No. 34 are the only two Ivy League programs that rank among ESPN's top men's basketball historical programs.

Former PU QB Terrell Signs with Cowboys

Former Princeton University star quarterback Jeff Terrell signed a free agent deal last week with the Dallas Cowboys of the NFL.

Terrell, the 2006 Bushnell Cup winner as the Ivy League's Player of the Year who led the Tigers to a 9-1 record and a league championship that season, becomes the fourth quarterback on the Dallas roster, joining Tony Romo, Brad Johnson, and Richard Bartel.

Terrell, a 2007 Princeton graduate, went through training camp with the Kansas City Chiefs last summer but was walved at the end of camp. He will now joln another former standout quarterback from Princeton as Jason Garrett '89, the 1988 Bushnell Cup winner, is in his second year as the offensive coordinator in Dallas.

A two-year starter in Princeton, Terrell produced one of the greatest two-year stretches in Tiger football history. The 6'2, 220-pound lefty threw for 4,166 yards in two seasons at Princeton, fourth most in program history, and his 2,445 yards in his senior year were the fifth most at Princeton.

TROPHY CENTRAL: Members of the Central Jersey Lazerz team are all smiles after they won the National Under-13 Division at the USFF Futsal Soccer (5 vs. 5) National Championships held earlier this month in Baltimore. CJ Lazerz beat the Smithfield Lady Strikers trom Smithfield, R.I. 4-3 In the title game. Pictured In the tront row, trom left, are Ellee de Baun, Delaney West, Lauren Ullmann, Brittain Dearden and Illyssa Stark of Plainsboro. In the back row are Coach Brad West, Ashley Shackelford, Kaylynn Gose, Madison Klein, Kate Walters, Claire MacAdam, Allie Biglin, and Coach Christian Sanje. Ullmann and deBaun are Princeton residents.

UNIOO THEY STANO: Players on the FC Unido squad enjoy the moment after they won the National Under-13 Division at the USFF Futsal Soccer (5 vs. S) National Championships in Baltimore earlier this month. FC Unido topped Amway, a Southern California team, In the finals. Pictured In the tront row, trom teft, are Austin Lenart, Jeremy Goldsmith, Gabriel Nunez, and Troy McCartney. In the back row are Max Kroschwitz, Cameron Kirdzik, Jake Schenk, Zach Halliday, and Coach Jim Halliday. Goldsmith represented Princeton.

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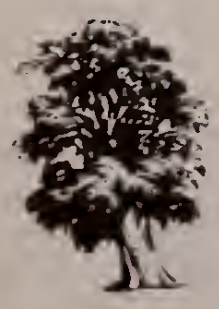

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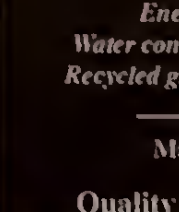

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Obituaries

Michael Mahoney

Michael Mahoney, who earned his Ph.D. from Princeton University and then dedicated his 40-year academic career in the history of science to the University, died Wednesday, July 23, at the University Medical Center at Princeton. The 69-year-old professor ol history did not recover from cardiac arrest suflered Friday, July 18, during his regular swim at Dillon Pool on campus.

"His was a vigorous personality, and he was a superb teacher both of undergraduate and graduate students as well as a brilliant interlocutor in scholarly, or indeed other, discussions," said Charles Gillispie, the Dayton-Stockton Professor of History Emeritus, with whom Mahoney studied as a graduate student.

A magna cum laude graduate of Harvard University, he came to Princeton in 1962 after studying for two years at the University of Munich as a German Foreign Exchange Servlce Fellow. While working on his doctorate in history and in history of science at Princeton, he served as an instructor and was appointed an assistant professor upon the completion of his degree in 1967.

He divided his research and teaching between the development of the mathematical sciences lrom antiquity to 1700 and the recent history of computing and information technology. He was the author of *The Mathemotical Career of Pierre de Fermat, 1601-1665*; a series ol monographs on the mathematics ol René Descartes, Isaac Barrow, Christiaan Huygens and Isaac Newton; and dozens of articles on the development of computer science and software engineering as new technical disciplines.

For several years, he served as director ol the Program in History of Science and the Program in Science in Human Affairs. He was a member ol the lormer at the time of his death.

In an interview on the history department website, he explained his lascination with the human slde of the technological revolution. For example, he clted software glitches with the baggage-handling system that caused the 16-month delay in opening the new Denver airport in the 1990s.

"The point is, we have made ourselves dependent on a technology we have not entirely mastered, and it is not yet clear how to master it," he said. "It's not often that a historian gets to watch a scientific and technological revolution as it is happening."

He also worked with secondary teachers through his involvement in the National Faculty ol Humanities, Arts and Sciences. He was a member of this group ol 600 college and university professors from 1975 to 2001, and chaired its board lrom 1994 to 2001.

Active in the community, he was a member of the Princeton Regional Schools Board of Education from 1982 to 1986, serving as president in 1985-86.

An avid swimmer, runner and cyclist, he was a laculty adviser to the University's swim teams. He was heavlly involved in youth athletics in the community, including the Princeton Soccer Association, the YMCA swim team, the Princeton Area Swimming and Diving Association and the Nassau Swim Club. He served as a starter at swim meets and developed computer programs to assist with scoring.

Born in New York City on June 30, 1939, he is survived by his wile ol 48 years, Jean, who retired in 2000 after 25 years as a staff member at the University, most recently in the Ollice of Research and Project Administration. Survivors also include a son, Colin, and his wile, Lisa Miller, and two grandchildren, of Lawrence, Kan.; and a daughter, Bridget, and her husband, Jonathan Samuel, and two grandchildren, of Natick, Mass. He was predeceased by his lather, Thomas Mahoney. Other survivors include his mother, Dorothy Mahoney, and an aunt, Jo Turner, both of Delray Beach, Fla; three brothers, Daniel Mahoney ol Andover, Mass., Timothy Mahoney of Los Angeles and South Dartmouth, Mass., and Patrick Mahoney, of Long Beach, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements will be private. A public memorial service is being planned lor the fall.

In lieu ol llowers, gifts in his memory may be made to Andover, which he attended from 1953 to 1957, by mailing: Andover, 180 Main St., Andover, MA 01810; or visiting the school's website.

Ramona B. Alegria

Ramona B. Alegria, 94, died on May 8 at the Pavilions at Forrestal In Princeton.

She was born on Christmas Eve in Nicaragua, Central America. After graduating from El Colegio Frances in Granada, Nicaragua and marrylng her beloved Carlos, she and her husband moved to Panama, where they lived durlng the time of World War II, while Carlos was working for the U.S. Army at the site ol the Panama Canal. They moved to the United States fn the late 1940s, settling in New York City. From that point, she spent the majority of her life as a New Yorker; she came to Princeton ten years ago.

While residing in Greenwich Village, she and her husband started a chain of authentic Mexican restaurants called Mexican Village. In the original Mexican Village, just steps away from NYU and Washington Square Park, she honed her skills as an innovative chef, developing and perlecting all the recipes contained on the restaurants menus.

She will truly be remembered as a generous friend, loving wlfe, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Predeceased by her husband Carlos in 2001, she is survived by her two daughters: Ruth Alegria Lubin of Mexlco City and Eve Yancy of Princeton, lour grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Private servlces were under the direction ol the Kimble Funeral Home in Princeton.

Thomas Phox

Thomas "Buddy" Phox, 87, dled at the Unlversity Medical Center at Princeton on the morning of July 24. Born in Palls, Virginia, he had been a resident of Princeton lor 80 years, attending Princeton High School and later serving as a Bullalo Soldier in the 92nd Division of the Army In World War II. He was stationed in the European Theatre, and upon his honorable discharge he was highly decorated. He then went on to work in the film industry for 50 years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Princeton, the Princeton V.F.W. and American Legion.

He is preceded in death by his parents Emma and Pleasant Phox, a sister Mary Alice Gee, three brother-in-laws, and a sister-in-law. He is survived by Delores, his wife of 62 years; two daughters, Victoria and Beverly; llve grandchildren; a great granddaughter; two sisters, Evelyn and Martha; llve brothers, Alfred, Floyd, Charles, Harold, and Lindsey; his close childhood friend Robert Wright, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral service will be 12 p.m., Wednesday, July 30, at First Baptist Church, John Street and Paul Robeson Place, Princeton. Calling hours will be from 10 a.m. until time ol service at the church. Interment will be at Princeton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made on behalf of Thomas Phox to Princeton Healthcare System Foundation, 253 Witherspoon Street, Princeton 08540. Arrangements are by the Hughes Funeral Home.

Jean Gaston Woodward

Jean Gaston Woodward, 89, died July 24, In her residence at Stonebridge at Montgomery, Montgomery Township, of natural causes. Born Olive Jean Gaston in Fairhope, Alabama, she attended the Marietta Johnson School ol Organic Education. Her father, James E. Gaston, owned a Ford dealership in the center ol towh. In 1939 she married Oakley MacDonald (Woody) Woodward, an electrical engineer lrom Davis, Oklahoma, who was working with an oil company as a member ol a team prospecting lor oil and doing testing in Mobile Bay. The oil prospecting work would take them to Mississippi for a year, then to Trinidad, and eventually to Princeton, where her husband's electrical engineering degree brought him to the David Sarnofl Research Center (RCA). The small group of antenna engineers and their wives worked and played together. A popular hostess at their lrequent gatherings, Jean was stimulated the Princeton culture, becoming a skllled birdwatcher and mushroom collector; her green thumb was evident in the colors and shades that rimmed the back yard of her home. She made many of her own garments during the period of World War II when so many things were rationed, and she filled the kitchen pantry with)ars of preserves. Her skills in the kitchen drew upon her Southern heritage and her meals were anticipated and enjoyed by many.

In 1943, she gave birth to her son James G. (Jim) Woodward and three years later her daughter Judith Mary (Judy) Woodward. When the children were attending Nassau Street School, she began working at the Princeton University Store, when it was a small operation behlnd Nassau Hall and continued working at the U-Store lor three decades. She also became a member of the Nassau Club, the Present Day Club and the Princeton Garden Club. She and her husband traveled together to Norway, Kenya and Alaska alter he retired from RCA. Several years after suffering a stroke, Woody died in 1995 and a lew years later she moved into Stonebridge.

She is survived by her daughter Judy; her son, Jim; a sister, Clara Louise Wengert; a granddaughter and a step-grandson.

Donations fn her memory may be made to the Marletta Johnson School of Organic Education, 8 Marletta Drlve, Fairhope, Alabama, 36532. Private services were entrusted to the Kimble Funeral Home, 1 Hamilton Avenue, Princeton.

Marion M. Sinuk

Manon M. Nicola Sinuk died on Thursday, July 24, 2008 at her home in Skillman whore she lived with her loving husband John Sinuk for 25 years.

A graduate of St. Peter's High School Class of 1950, she was the first female sports editor for the Cardinal Newspaper.

Marion was not afforded the opportunity to further her education, but as soon as her children were in college and graduate school, she enrolled as an "older" student at University College at Rutgers. She was selective in her classes so that her life as a wife and mother could remain her priority. She was always a person with enthusiasm for learning end sharing her learned knowledge with others. She was selected to become a peer counselor as well as a contributng columnist for the University College paper, 'NITEBEAT". Her specialty was writing about the expenence of the "older" student. Her enthusiasm knew no bounds. She was absolutely thrilled when a University Dean called her to tell her how much she enjoyed her articles and asked if one of them could be read at the upcoming 50th anniversary ceremony for University College.

Manon was an avid reader and talented writer ·ot letters, articles and rhymes. Through the years, various articles were published. She had a talent to write about the very essence of a person, idea, personal or political philosophy. At each Christmas gathering she would write funny rhymes about each guest, read them to all, and accompany her reading with a token Christmas present.

In addition to her academic achievements, she also excelled in sports as an avid tennis player, runner and golfer. She was also a swimmer and her smiling face could be seen almost daily at the YWCA and Princeton Wellness Center.

Honesty and truth were her unassailable virtues. Everyone always knew her views on politics. She was proud of her beliefs and stood by them. Justice for the downtrodden and the oppressed was her "battle cry". Her virtues were reflected in her writing, contributions and participation.

Marion was a CCD instructor, peer counselor, and reading instructor at Skillman School for Boys. She participated in Meals on Wheels and the Santa Clause Project. Marion was a member of the Middle East Society, American Farmland Trust and CNI Foundation. She was an avid animal rights activist

She is survived by her beloved husband of 48 years, John Sinuk; her children — John Charles Sinuk and his wife Bonnie. Paul Joseph Sinuk and his wife Nelda and Linda Marie Sinuk and her two grandchildren John Paul and Bonnie Marie.

Predeceased by her older sister, Lillian Nicola Kollar and her younger brother, former mayor of North Brunswick, Charles Nicola, she is survived by her older brother George J. Nicola, retired Middlesex County Court Judge.

Burial was private. A Memorial Mass was celebrated Tuesday, July 29, 2008, at St. Charles Borromeo R.C. Church, 47 Skillman Road, Skillman, NJ. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Selover Funeral Home, 555 Georges Road, North Brunswick, NJ

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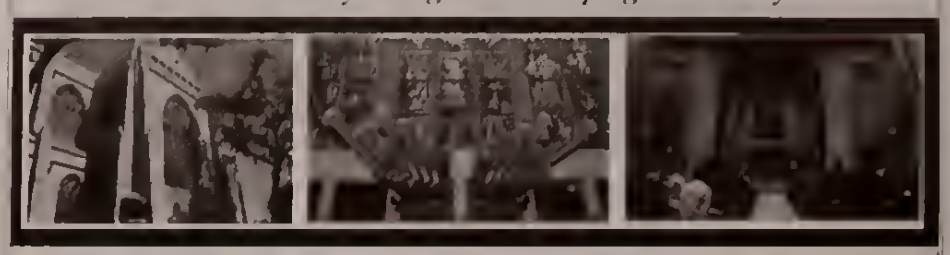

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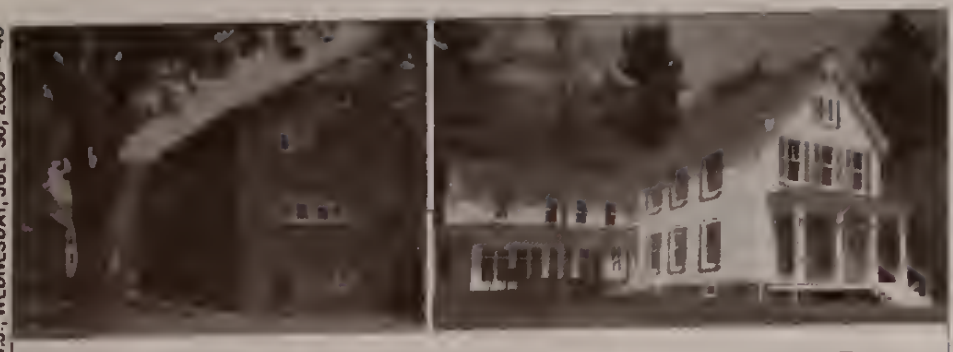

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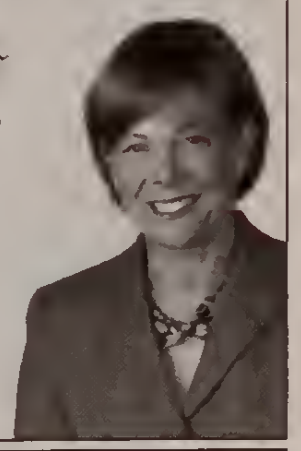

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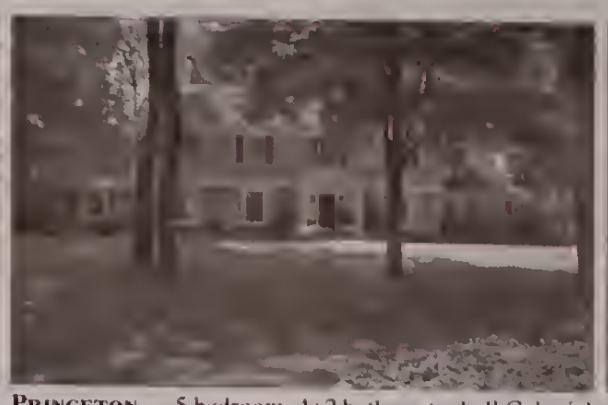

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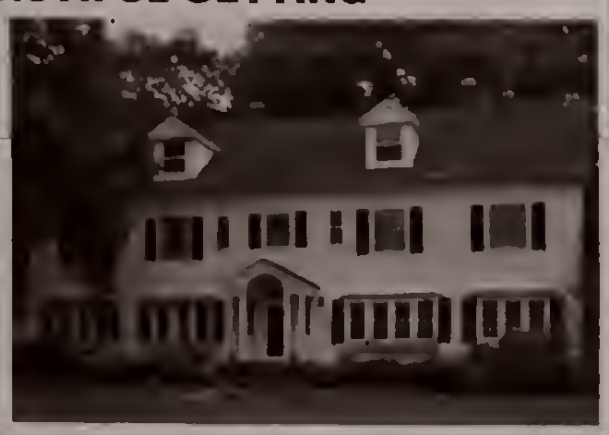

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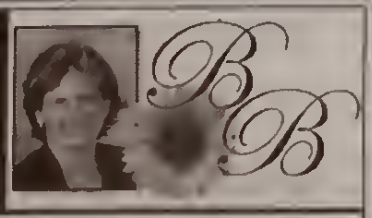

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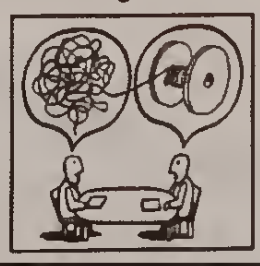

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